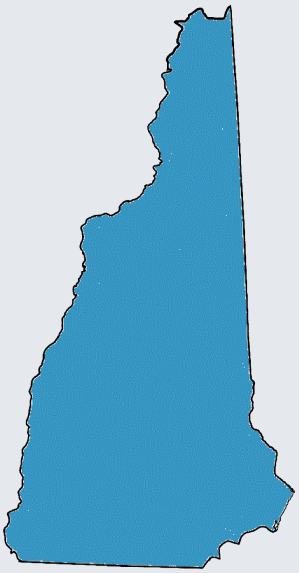

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US Girls Closed Championship

Manchester – June 25 - 29, 2016

WFM Emily Nguyen of Austin, Texas is the 2016 US Girls Junior Champion. She scored 6.5/9 against a field of the top girls under 20 in the U.S. With this win, Nguyen has qualified for the 2017 U.S. Women's Championship and the World U20 Girls Championship in Tarvisio, Italy in October 2017. She was also awarded with a $10,000 scholarship to Texas Tech.

The Best Game prize of $200, judged by IM David Vigorito, went to Bykovtsev for her victory over Yu, and the 2nd Best Game prize of $100 was earned by Wang against Liu.

Larry Cohen, WCM Maggie Feng, WFM Joanna Liu, WCM Apurva Virkud, WFM Emily Nguyen, WFM Jennifer Yu, WIM Annie Wang, Alice Dong, Carissa Yip, WFM Evan Xiang, WIM Agata Bykovtsev and Alex Relyea (Photo by Tony Cortizas Jr)

Yip,Carissa (2196) - Dong,Alice (1953) [B47]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Bd7 10.Be3 Nf6 11.f4 0-0 12.a4 Rac8 13.Nb3 b6 14.h3 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Nb8 16.Qf2 Qb7 17.Bxb6 Re8 18.Na5 Qa8 19.e5 Nd5 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.c4 Nc6 22.Bxd5 Qb8 23.e6 fxe6 24.Nxc6 Rxc6 25.Bxc6 Bxc6 26.Rxe6 Bd7 27.Re4 Bf5 28.Ree1 Bxh3 29.a5 Qb7 30.Re3 Rc8 31.Qe2 Bf8 32.g4 Qf7 33.Rxh3 Rxc4 34.Rf3 d5 35.Re1 Re4 36.Qd2 Rc4 37.Rd1 d4 38.Rc1 Ra4 39.Qc2 Rb4 40.Bc5 Rb5 41.Bxf8 Qb7 42.Qc4+ 1-0

Nguyen,Emily (1944) - Yu,Jennifer (2187) [A45]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e3 Bd6 5.c4 c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nc3 Be6 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 Nc6 10.Nge2 Bc7 11.0-0 Qd7 12.Rc1 Rfd8 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qb5 Qe7 15.Qc5 Qxc5 16.dxc5 Rd7 17.Rfd1 Rad8 18.b3 Nc6 19.Rc2 Be5 20.Rcd2 Ne7 21.h3 f5 22.Nd4 g6 23.a3 Rc8 24.b4 b6 25.Na4 Rb7 26.Bf1 Bd7 27.Nb2 Rbc7 28.Nd3 Bf6 29.Bg2 Ba4 30.Rc1 Bd7 31.Rdc2 Ba4 32.Rd2 Bd7 33.Rdc2 Ba4 34.Rd2 ½-½

Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) - Virkud,Apurva (1913) [B90]

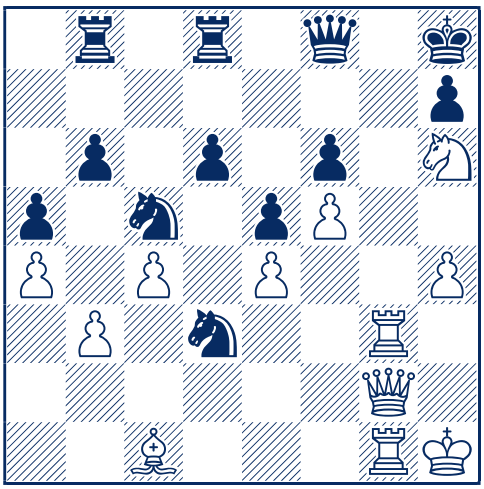
2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 b5 8.Bb3 Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.Qg3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Re1 Bb7 13.a3 0-0 14.Bh6 Ne8 15.Rad1 Kh8 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Qxg5 Nf6 18.Rd3 Rad8 19.Qd2 Qc7 20.f3 Rd7 21.Rd1 Rfd8 22.Kh1 Bc6 23.a4 b4 24.Ne2 Qb6 25.Nd4 Bb7 26.c3 bxc3 27.Qxc3 e5 28.Ne2 Bxe4 29.a5 Qa7 30.R3d2 h6 31.Ng3 Bg6 32.Bd5 Rc7 33.Qa3 Qb8 34.Ne4 Bxe4 35.fxe4 Qb5 36.h3 Nxd5 37.Rxd5 Qe2 38.Qf3 Qxf3 39.gxf3 Rcd7 40.Rc1 Rb8 41.Rc6 Rxb2 42.Rxa6 Rc7 43.Raxd6 Rc1+ 44.Rd1 Rcc2 45.a6 Rh2+ 46.Kg1 Rhg2+ 47.Kh1 Rh2+ 48.Kg1 ½-½

Wang,Annie (2061) - Liu,Joanna (1850) [E33]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.g3 e5 10.d5 Nb8 11.Bg2 a5 12.b3 c6 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.e4 Bd7 15.0-0 Rfb8 16.Qd3 Ne8 17.Rfd1 Be6 18.Ne1 f6 19.Nc2 Qc7 20.Rac1 Ne7 21.Ne3 Ra6 22.Bb2 Bf7 23.Kh1 Rc6 24.Rf1 b6 25.a4 Qd7 26.f4 Rd8 27.Rcd1 Rc7 28.f5 Kh8 29.Bf3 Rb7 30.Qe2 Nc6 31.Rg1 Nb4 32.g4 Qe7 33.h4 Nc7 34.g5 Be8 35.Bc1 Nca6 36.Ng4 Bh5 37.gxf6 gxf6 38.Nh6 Bxf3+ 39.Qxf3 Nc5 40.Rg3 Rbb8 41.Rdg1 Nbd3 42.Qg2 Qf8



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43.Rg8+ Qxg8 44.Qxg8+ Rxg8 45.Nf7# 1-0

Xiang,Evan (1806) - Feng,Maggie (2227) [D02]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 e6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.Qe2 Bb7 10.Rd1 Qe7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 cxd4 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 Qc7 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Rfd1 Rxd4 19.Rxd4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Rd8 21.h3 Rxd4 22.Qxd4 h6 23.c4 e5 24.Qd5 Qe7 25.a3 Qg5 26.g3 Qc1+ 27.Kg2 Qxb2 28.Qa8+ Kh7 29.Qxa7 f6 30.c5 bxc5 31.Qxc5 Qe2 32.Qb4 e4 33.Qc3 Qd1 34.Qe3 Qc2 35.Qd4 Qc6 36.Kh2 f5 37.a4 Qa6 38.Kg2 Qc6 39.Kg1 Qa6 40.Qd7 Qf6 41.g4 e3 42.fxe3 fxg4 43.hxg4 Qa1+ 44.Kf2 Qb2+ 45.Kf3 Qa1 46.Qf5+ Kh8 47.Qc8+ Kh7 48.Qc2+ Kh8 49.Ke4 Qh1+ 50.Kd4 Qa1+ 51.Kd5 Qe1 52.Ke4 Qh1+ 53.Kf4 Qf1+ 54.Ke4 ½-½

Liu,Joanna (1850) - Dong,Alice (1953) [E15]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-26

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bc3 c6 8.Bg2 d5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Re1 Rc8 12.e4 c5 13.e5 Ne8 14.cxd5 exd5 15.e6 fxe6 16.Rxe6 Nc7 17.Re3 Nb5 18.Nb1 Bf6 19.a4 cxd4 20.axb5 dxe3 21.fxe3 Bxc3 22.Nxc3 Rxc3 23.Qxd5+ Kh8 24.bxa6 Nc5 25.Ne5 Qxd5 26.Bxd5 g6 27.b4 Nb3 28.Rb1 Nc1 29.Nc6 Ne2+ 30.Kh1 Ra3 31.Bc4 Nc3 32.Rb3 Ra1+ 33.Kg2 Ne4 34.Rb2 Nd6 35.Bd3 b5 36.Nxa7 Rb8 37.Nc6 Rb6 38.Nd4 Raxa6 39.Rf2 Rb8 40.Rf6 Ra2+ 41.Kh3 Nc4 42.Nxb5 Nxe3 43.Rf4 Rd2 44.Rd4 g5 45.g4 Rf8 46.Bf5 Rf2 47.Kg3 Nxf5+ 48.gxf5 R2xf5 49.Nc7 Rf1 50.Kg4 Rg1+ 51.Kh5 Rg2 52.Ne6 Re8 53.Nxg5 Rxh2+ 54.Kg4 Rg8 55.Kf5 Rh5 56.Rg4 h6 0-1

Yu,Jennifer (2187) - Yip,Carissa (2196) [A16]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-26

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Nb6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.h4 Ne5 10.h5 Ng4 11.hxg6 hxg6 12.Nf3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Nd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Qxe7 Bf5 16.0-0 Rfe8 17.Qxc7 Rac8 18.Qf4 Rxe2 19.Nh4 Qxd3 20.Rfd1 Qb5 21.Bf1 Be6 22.Bxe2 Qxe2 23.Rd2 Qb5 24.Qe3 Kh7 25.Ng2 Bxb2 26.a4 Qb4 27.Rb1 Rc1+ 28.Rd1 Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 Qxa4

30.Rd8 Bf6 31.Rb8 Bd5 32.Kh2 Qe4 33.Qxe4 Bxe4 34.Ne3 Bc6 35.Nc4 Bc3 36.f4 a5 37.Ra8 b5 38.Ra6 Bb7 39.Ra7 bxc4 40.Rxb7 Bb4 41.Rxf7+ Kg8 42.Rc7 c3 43.Rc4 Kf7 44.Kg2 Ke6 45.Kf3 Kd5 46.Rc8 Kd4 47.Ke2 a4 48.Kd1 Kd3 49.Rd8+ Ke3 50.Kc2 Kf3 51.Rd4 Ba5 52.Rxa4 Bd8 53.Rd4 Be7 54.Rd3+ Kg4 55.Rxc3 g5 56.Rc7 Bf6 57.Rc6 Be7 58.Re6 Bd8 59.Re8 Bf6 60.Rg8 Kxg3 61.fxg5 Ba1 62.g6 Kg4 63.Ra8 Bd4 64.g7 1-0

Virkud,Apurva (1913) - Xiang,Evan (1806) [D70]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-26

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 f5 9.0-0-0 c6 10.Kb1 Be6 11.h4 Qe8 12.Nh3 Bc4 13.Bh6 e5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.dxe5 Qxe5 16.f4 Qc5 17.Ng5 h6 18.Nf3 Na6 19.Ne5 Bxf1 20.Rhxf1 Qe7 21.Qf2 fxe4 22.Qg3 Qe6 23.h5 Rf5 24.Nxg6 Kh7 25.Rfe1 Rxh5 26.Ne5 Rg8 27.Qe3 Rxg2 28.Qxe4+ Qf5 29.Nd7 Qxe4+ 30.Nxe4 Rhh2 31.Nef6+ Kg6 32.Rg1 Nxd7 33.Nxd7 Kf5 34.Rxg2 Rxg2 35.Rh1 Nb4 36.Nc5 b6 37.a3 Nd5 38.Nd3 Rg6 39.Ne5 Rf6 40.Rh5+ Kxf4 41.Nxc6 Nc3+ 42.bxc3 Rxc6 43.Kb2 Kg4 44.Rh1 h5 45.Rg1+ Kf5 46.Rf1+ Kg5 47.Rg1+ Kh6 48.Rh1 Rc4 49.Kb3 Re4 50.Rd1 Re7 51.Rg1 h4 52.Rg4 Kh5 53.Rg8 Rh7 54.Rg1 h3 55.Rg3 Kh4 0-1

Wang,Annie (2061) - Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) [E61]

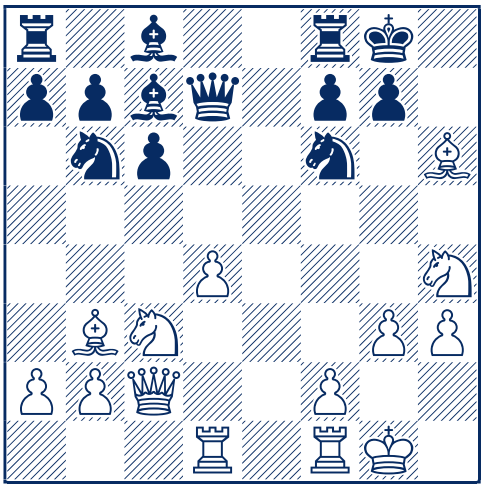
2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-26

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.e3 e6 9.Be2 Qe7 10.Qc2 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Ndf6 12.Ne1 c6 13.e4 Nxg3 14.hxg3 e5 15.d5 cxd5 16.cxd5 0-0 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.Nc2 b5 19.Bd3 Rab8 20.Ne3 b4 21.Ne2 Ng4 22.Nxg4 Bxg4 23.f3 Bd7 24.g4 Rfc8+ 25.Kb1 Bf8 26.Ba6 Rc5 27.Rc1 Ra5 28.Bd3 Qf6 29.Rc7 Qd8 30.Rhc1 Qe8 31.Qe3 Rc5 32.R7xc5 dxc5 33.Bc4 Bd6 34.Rh1 Kg7 35.Nc1 Bb5 36.Bxb5 Qxb5 37.Ne2 c4 38.Ng3 Bf8 39.Nf5+ Kg6 40.Qe2 b3 41.a3 c3 42.Qxb5 c2+ 43.Kc1 Rxb5 44.d6 Kf6 45.g3 Ke6 46.Rh2 Rb6 47.Kd2 f6 48.Rh1 Bxd6 49.Nxh6 Bc5 50.Nf5 Rb8 51.Kc3 Rd8 52.Ng7+ Kf7 53.Nf5 Rd1 54.Rh7+ Kg8 0-1

Feng,Maggie (2227) - Nguyen,Emily (1944) [D45]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-26

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.h3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Bb3 Bc7 12.Rad1 h6 13.Nh4 exd4 14.exd4 Qd6 15.g3 Nb6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Bxh6



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17…Qxh3 (17…gxh6? 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.Qxf6+ Kh7 [19…Kg8 loses immediately to 20.Qg6+ Kh8 21.Qxh6+ Kg8 22.Ng6 Be5 23.dxe5 Qxh3 24.Ne7 mate) 20.Bc2+ Kg8 21.Qxh6 f5 22.Bb3+ Nd5 23.Nxd5 exd5 24.Rfe1 Bd8 25.Ng6 Qd6 [or 25…Qg7] 26.Bxd5+ and mate follows within 10 moves.) 18.Qg6 Qg4 19.Bxg7 (Admitting that Black has defended well and retreating the bishop with 19.Be3 [or even 19.Bd2 since the d-pawn is poison] offers better holding chances than the material imbalance that follows.) 19…Qxg6 20.Nxg6 Kxg7 21.Nxf8 Kxf8 22.Kg2 Bf5 23.Rh1 Kg7 24.Rde1 Bd6 25.Re2 Nbd5 26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Bc2 Bxc2 28.Rxc2 Nb4 29.Rd2 Nxa2 30.d5 c5 31.f4 Nb4 32.Kf3 Rd8 33.g4 Be7 34.Rdh2 Bf6 35.g5 Bd4 36.Rh7+ Kf8 37.g6 fxg6 38.Rxb7 Nxd5 39.Rxa7 Bxb2 40.Rb7 Bf6 41.Rc1 Rc8 42.Rd7 Ne7 43.Rc4 Kf7 44.Rd1 Ke6 45.Kg4 Bd4 46.Ra4 Kd5 47.Re1 Rc7 48.Ra6 c4 49.Rae6 Bc5 50.R6e5+ Kd4 51.Rd1+ Kc3 52.Re2 Ba3 53.Re3+ Kb4 54.Rb1+ Ka4 55.Re6 Rc6 56.Rxc6 Nxc6 57.Kg5 Ne7 58.Kf6 c3 59.Re1 c2

60.Kf7 c1Q 61.Rxc1 Bxc1 62.Kxe7 Bxf4 63.Kf6 g5 64.Kf5 Kb3 65.Kg4 Kc2 66.Kf3 Kd3 67.Kg4 Ke2 68.Kh3 Bd2 69.Kg4 Kf2 70.Kh3 Kf3 71.Kh2 g4 72.Kg1 g3 73.Kf1 g2+ 74.Kg1 Be3+ 75.Kh2 g1Q+ 76.Kh3 Qg3# 0-1

Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) - Liu,Joanna (1850) [B90]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-26

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 b5 8.Bb3 Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.Qg3 0-0 11.Bh6 Ne8 12.Rfe1 Bd7 13.Nce2 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Nf4 Kh8 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Qxg5 Nf6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Qxe5 a5 20.c3 b4 21.cxb4 axb4 22.Nd3 Qb6 23.Qf4 Rfb8 24.Re5 Bc6 25.Rae1 Qb7 26.Nc5 Qc7 27.Qd4 h6 28.R5e3 Bd5 29.Bxd5 Nxd5 30.Rg3 Rg8 31.Rh3 Qf4 32.Ne4 Rgd8 33.g3 Qf5 34.Rxh6+ Kg8 35.Rh4 Rxa2 36.Rf4 e5 37.Qxd5 Rxd5 38.Rxf5 Rxb2 39.f4 f6 40.fxe5 fxe5 41.Ref1 Re2 42.Ng5 Rd8 43.R5f2 Re3 44.Rb2 b3 45.Rfb1 Rb8 46.Kf2 Rc3 47.Ne4 Rf8+ 48.Ke2 Rc2+ 49.Rxc2 bxc2 50.Rc1 Rc8 51.Kd3 Rd8+ 52.Kxc2 Kf7 53.Rf1+ Kg6 54.Nf2 Kg5 55.Re1 Kf5 56.Re4 Rh8 57.g4+ Kf6 58.h3 Rd8 59.Nd3 Rd5 60.Kd2 Rb5 61.Ke3 Ra5 62.h4 Rb5 63.Ra4 Rb6 64.Ke4 g6 65.Nxe5 Re6 66.g5+ Kg7 67.Ra7+ 1-0

Nguyen,Emily (1944) - Virkud,Apurva (1913) [D37]

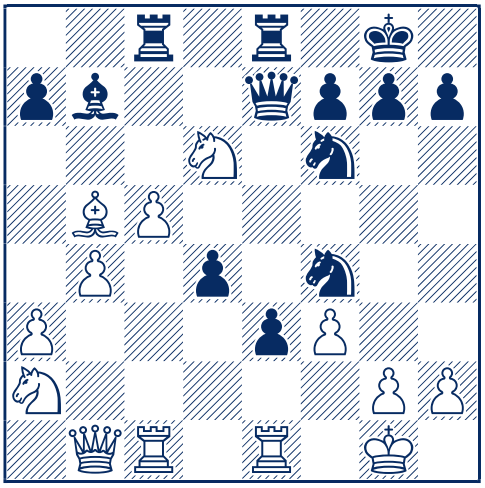
2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-26

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.a3 Be7 10.Rd1 Qa5 11.Be2 a6 12.0-0 dxc4 13.Bxc4 b5 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Ne4 h6 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.Bxd6 Rfd8 18.Bg3 Rac8 19.Qe2 Rd7 20.Ne5 Rd5 21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.Bh4 Nd7 23.Rc1 Qa4 24.Be7 Ne5 25.Bb1 Qa5 26.Bb4 Qb6 27.Bc3 Nc4 28.h4 Qb7 29.b3 Nb6 30.e4 Rd7 31.Qg4 f6 32.Qxe6+ Rf7 33.Qf5 Nd7 34.e5 g6 35.Qg4 Nxe5 36.Bxe5 fxe5 37.Bxg6 Rg7 38.h5 Rf8 39.Qe6+ Kh8 40.Rxc6 Re7 41.Qd5 1-0

Xiang,Evan (1806) - Wang,Annie (2061) [A40]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-26

1.d4 e6 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 b6 5.c4 Bb7 6.Nc3 Nh5 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Be2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 d5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Rfd1 Nbd7 14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.a3 Rac8 16.Na2 Nb6 17.Qb1 Ba6 18.Nd2 d4 19.exd4 cxd4 20.b4 e5 21.Bd3 Bb7 22.Re1 Re8 23.c5 Nbd5 24.Nc4 e4 25.Nd6 e3 26.f3 Nf4 27.Bb5



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27…Red8 (After building up a menacing position, Black misses a nice winning shot with 27…e2! 28.Nxb7 [The bishop is too powerful to let live as can be seen in the lines 28.Bxe8 Qe3+ 29.Kh1 Qxf3! and 28.Nxc8 Qe3+ 29.Kh1 Ng4! threatening the classic smothered mate after, say, 30.Nd6 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 N2h3+ 32.Qg1+! Rxg1 33.Nf2 mate.] 28…Qxb7 29.Qf5 N6d5 [or 29…Nh3+ and 29…Qxb5] 30.Bxe8 Rxe8 and the pawns roll to victory, while 31.c7 Qb6 just reignites the attack.) 28.Qf5 N4d5 29.Qd3 Rxd6 30.cxd6 Qe5 31.d7 Rd8 32.Rc4 Nf4 33.Qxd4 Nh3+ 34.Kf1 Qxb5 35.a4 Qh5 36.Qxe3 Nxd7 37.Qe7 Rf8 38.Qxd7 Bd5 39.Rc8 g6 40.Rxf8+ Kxf8 41.Qxh3 Qxh3 42.gxh3 Bxa2 43.Rc1 Bb3 44.a5 Ba4 45.Rc7 a6 46.h4 h5 47.Ke2 Kg7 48.Ke3 Bb5 49.Rb7 Bc4 50.b5 axb5 51.a6 b4 52.a7 1-0

Yip,Carissa (2196) - Feng,Maggie (2227) [B47]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-26

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qc7 5.Nc3 e6 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Bf4 d6 11.Qd2 h6 12.Rad1 e5 13.Be3 Be6 14.h3 0-0 15.f4 Rfd8 16.f5 Bd7 17.Kh1 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Bc6 19.g4 b5 20.a3 a5 21.Rf2 b4 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Qa7 24.Qxa7 Rxa7 25.Rd3 Nd7 26.axb4 axb4 27.Rb3 Rb8 28.c3 Rab7 29.Rf1 Nc5 30.Rxb4 Rxb4 31.cxb4 Rxb4 32.Ra1 Rxb2 33.Ra8+ Kh7 34.Rf8 Rb7 35.Rd8 Re7 36.Rxd6 e4 37.Rc6 e3 38.Bf3 Nb3 39.Rc2 Nd4 40.d6 Rd7 41.Rc7 Rxd6 42.Kg2 e2 43.Re7 Re6 44.Rxe6 fxe6 45.Bxe2 Nxe2 46.Kf3 Nd4+ 47.Ke4 exf5+ 48.Kxd4 fxg4 49.hxg4 Kg6 50.Ke4 Kg5 51.Kf3 Kh4 52.Kf4 g6 53.g5 hxg5+ 54.Kf3 Kh3 55.Kf2 g4 56.Kg1 Kg3 57.Kh1 Kf2 0-1

Dong,Alice (1953) - Yu,Jennifer (2187) [B90]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-26

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Be7 8.Bg2 Nfd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nce2 Nc6 11.Kh1 Nc5 12.c3 Qc7 13.Ng3 b5 14.g5 Bb7 15.f4 Rfd8 16.Be3 d5 17.e5 Rab8 18.Rc1 Ba8 19.b3 a5 20.Qe2 b4 21.h4 Qb6 22.h5 bxc3 23.g6 Ne4 24.gxf7+ Kh8 25.Nxe4 Nxd4 26.Bxd4 Qxd4 27.Nxc3 Rf8 28.Nb5 Qb6 29.Nc7 Rxf7 30.Nxa8 Rxa8 31.Qd3 Raf8 32.Qg3 Rf5 33.Qg4 Bc5 34.Rc2 Be3 35.Bxd5 Qa6 36.Bc4 Qc6+ 37.Rg2 R8f7 38.Rd1 Bb6 39.Rd6 Qc7 40.Rxe6 Bc5 41.Re8+ Bf8 42.e6 R7f6 43.e7 1-0

Virkud,Apurva (1913) - Yip,Carissa (2196) [E81]

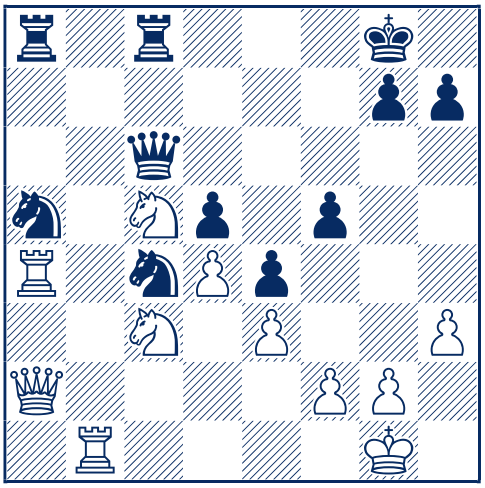
2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-27

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.Be2 a6 11.a4 Qa5 12.Ra2 h5 13.Bd3 Nh7 14.Nge2 Nd7 15.0-0 Ne5 16.Kh1 Qd8 17.Nc1 b6 18.Be2 Rb8 19.Nb3 Ra8 20.Na1 f5 21.Nc2 fxe4 22.fxe4 Bg4 23.Bf4 Bxe2 24.Qxe2 Nf7 25.Qd3 Nhg5 26.Bxg5 Qxg5 27.Ne1 Ne5 28.Qe2 Ng4 29.Nf3 Qh6 30.Re1 Bxc3 31.bxc3 Re7 32.Qd3 Rae8 33.Rc2 Kg7 34.Kg1 Qf4 35.Rce2 Nf6 36.Nd2 Ng4 37.Nf3 b5 38.axb5 axb5 39.Qxb5 Nf6 40.Nd2 Ng4 41.Nf3 Nf6 ½-½

Liu,Joanna (1850) - Yu,Jennifer (2187) [D10]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-27

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4 a6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.a3 0-0 13.h3 b5 14.b4 Rfc8 15.Nd2 e5 16.Nb3 e4 17.Qd2 Nd7 18.Nc5 Nb6 19.Qe2 f5 20.Rfb1 Nc4 21.a4 bxa4 22.Rxa4 a5 23.bxa5 N6xa5 24.Qa2 Qc6



(white to move)

25.Nb7 (This looks like the killing blow, but Black has a clever resource up her sleeve. Instead, White can build the pressure with 25.Rb5, and after trading a rook for two knights on a5, slowly grind away without risk.) 25…Nd2 26.Nxd5 (26.Qxd2 would allow 26…Nxb7) 26…Qc1+! 27.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 28.Kh2 Nf1+ 29.Kg1 Ng3+ ½-½

Feng,Maggie (2227) - Dong,Alice (1953) [E15]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-27

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qa4 Be7 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.Rd1 d6 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Bxd6 Bxd6 13.Nb5 Bc6 14.Ne1 a6 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Nxd6 Nd4 17.Ne4 Nxe2+ 18.Kf1 Nd4 19.Nxc5 e5 20.Nb3 Qf6 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Rd3 Rfe8 23.Qd1 Qh6 24.Kg1 Nf6 25.Rxd4 Ne4 26.Nf3 Qb6 27.Qc2 Qc6 28.Kg2 Ng5 29.Qd3 h6 30.Rd1 Re6

31.h4 Ne4 32.Rd8+ Rxd8 33.Qxd8+ Kh7 34.Qd5 Qb6 35.Qd4 Qb7 36.c5 Qb5 37.b4 Qe2 38.Re1 Qc2 39.a3 h5 40.Rf1 Rg6 41.Ng5+ Nxg5 42.hxg5 Rxg5 43.Re1 Rg4 44.Qd5 Qg6 45.Re5 Kh6 46.c6 f6 47.c7 Rxg3+ 48.fxg3 Qc2+ 49.Kh3 fxe5 50.Qe6+ 1-0

Wang,Annie (2061) - Nguyen,Emily (1944) [D14]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-27

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Bf5 7.Qb3 Na5 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qc2 e6 10.e3 Rc8 11.Bd3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ne5 Nc4 14.Qe2 b5 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.b3 b4 17.Na4 Nb6 18.Nb2 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Ba6 Rc3 21.Rfc1 Ne4 22.Nd1 Rc6 23.Rxc6 Qxc6 24.f3 Nf6 25.Nf2 Nbd7 26.e4 Nb8 27.Bb5 Qb6 28.e5 Nfd7 29.Rd1 Nc6 30.Bxc6 Qxc6 31.Qd2 Qb7 32.Nd3 a5 33.Nf4 Rc8 34.Nh5 h6 35.Qf2 Nf8 36.h3 Qc6 37.Kh2 Qc2 38.Rd2 Qb1 39.f4 Rc1 40.Ng3 h5 41.Rb2 Qa1 42.Nxh5 Rh1+ 43.Kg3 Qd1 44.Qe2 Qxd4 45.Rc2 Re1 46.Qxe1 Qd3+ 47.Kh2 Qxc2 48.Qg3 Ng6 49.Qg5 Qe4 50.Qd8+ Kh7 51.Qxa5 Nh4 52.Kg3 Qe1+ 53.Kg4 Nf5 54.g3 Kg6 55.h4 Qd1+ 56.Kh3 Qh1+ 0-1

Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) - Xiang,Evan (1806) [B01]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-27

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 g6 6.Nge2 Bg7 7.Bf4 Qd8 8.Qd2 a6 9.Bc4 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.f3 Nbd7 12.Bh6 0-0 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.a4 b4 15.Na2 a5 16.c4 e5 17.0-0-0 exd4 18.Qxd4 Qe7 19.Ng3 Nc5 20.Kc2 Rad8 21.Qf4 Ne6 22.Qh4 Qc5 23.Kb1 Nd4 24.Nc1 Rfe8 25.Nd3 Qa7 26.Nf4 Qc5 27.Nd3 Qf8 28.Nf4 Ne6 29.Nd5 Bxd5 30.cxd5 Nc5 31.Bc4 h6 32.Qd4 Qd6 33.Bb5 Re7 34.Bc6 Ne6 35.Qc4 Qc5 36.Qh4 Ng5 37.Rc1 Qe3 38.Qc4 Qb6 39.h4 Ngh7 40.h5 Ng5 41.hxg6 fxg6 42.Qh4 Nf7 43.Rhd1 Qe3 44.Nf1 Qe5 45.Qc4 Qf5+ 46.Qc2 Qxc2+ 47.Rxc2 Ne5 48.Bb7 c5 49.Ba6 Rd6 50.f4 Neg4 51.Bc4 Ne4 52.Nd2 Ne3 53.Nxe4 Rxe4 54.Re1 Rxc4 55.Rxe3 Rxc2 56.Kxc2 Rxd5 57.b3 Kf7 58.Rh3 h5 59.g4 Kf6 60.gxh5 gxh5 61.Rh4 Kg6 62.Rh3 Rd4 63.Rg3+ Kh6 64.Rf3 h4 65.f5 Rd7 66.f6 Kg6 67.Rf4 Rd4 68.Rf3 Kf7 69.Rf5 h3 70.Rh5 c4 71.Rxh3 c3 72.Rh5 Rd2+ 73.Kc1 Rb2 74.Rxa5 Rxb3 75.Rb5 Rb2 76.Rb6 b3 77.a5 Rc2+ 78.Kb1 Ra2 79.Rxb3 c2+ 80.Kc1 Rxa5 81.Kxc2 Kxf6 ½-½

Xiang,Evan (1806) - Liu,Joanna (1850) [E33]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-27

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.e3 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.h3 a5 12.Be2 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Rac1 Nd7 16.Qb1 a4 17.Bd3 h6 18.Be4 Na5 19.Bxb7 Nxb7 20.Qe4 Nbc5 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Qc6 Rac8 ½-½

Nguyen,Emily (1944) - Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) [A45]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-27

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.d5 Qa5+ 5.c3 e6 6.f3 Nf6 7.e4 exd5 8.exd5 d6 9.Qe2+ Be7 10.Bxd6 Nxd5 11.Na3 Be6 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Qb5+ Nbc6 14.Qxa5 Nxa5 15.Nb5 Kd7 16.0-0-0+ Kc8 17.Nd6+ Kc7 18.b3 a6 19.Ne4 c4 20.b4 Nac6 21.Ne2 Rhd8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Nf4 b5 24.Nxe6+ fxe6 25.Nc5 Kb6 26.Nxe6 Rd6 27.Nc5 a5 28.Ne4 Rd8 29.a3 axb4 30.axb4 Nd5 31.g3 Ne3 32.Be2 Ne5 33.Re1 Re8 34.Kd2 Nd5 35.Rd1 Ra8 36.Ke1 Kc6 37.f4 Nd7 38.Bf3 N7b6 39.Nc5 Ra3 40.Ne6 Rxc3 41.Nd4+ Kd7 42.Bxd5 Nxd5 43.Nxb5 Rd3 44.Rxd3 cxd3 45.Kd2 Nxb4 46.Kc3 d2 47.Kxd2 Ke6 48.Nd4+ Kf6 49.Ke3 Nd5+ 50.Kf3 h5 51.h3 g5 52.Ke4 Nc3+ 53.Kd3 Nd1 54.Ke2 Nc3+ 55.Kf3 Nd5 56.fxg5+ Kxg5 57.Ne6+ Kf5 58.Nf4 Nf6 59.Nxh5 ½-½

Dong,Alice (1953) - Virkud,Apurva (1913) [B90]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-27

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Be7 8.Bg2 Nfd7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nce2 0-0 11.b3 Qc7 12.c4 Rd8 13.Bb2 Nc5 14.Rc1 Bf8 15.Ng3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 e5 17.Be3 Bd7 18.Bg5 Re8 19.Qd2 Bc6 20.Rfe1 Ne6 21.Be3 b6 22.Rcd1 Qb7 23.f3 b5 24.Nf5 Red8 25.Bf2 Rd7 26.Ne3 Be7 27.h4 Bd8 28.Nf5 Bc7 29.Kh2 Rad8 30.h5 f6 31.Bh4 Rf8 32.g5 fxg5 33.Bxg5 Bd8 34.Be3 Bb6 35.Bh3 Bxe3 36.Qxe3 Nf4 37.Rg1 Qb8 38.Rg5 Kh8 39.Rdg1 Qe8 40.Qb6 Ba8 41.cxb5 d5

42.Nxg7 Qc8 43.Bxd7 Qc2+ 44.R1g2 Nxg2 45.Rxg2 Qd3 46.Ne6 Qxf3 47.Nxf8 Qf4+ 48.Kh1 dxe4 49.Ng6+ hxg6 50.Qd8+ Kh7 51.Qe7+ Kh8 52.Qe8+ 1-0

Yu,Jennifer (2187) - Feng,Maggie (2227) [D31]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-27

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Ne2 e5 9.Qd6 Nd7 10.Rd1 h5 11.b3 Rh6 12.Qd2 f5 13.Qg5 Qg4 14.h4 Qxg5 15.hxg5 Rh8 16.f4 e4 17.Bc3 Rh7 18.g4 fxg4 19.Ng3 g6 20.Nxe4 Re7 21.Bg2 Nc5 22.Be5 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Kf7 24.Rd8 Bf5 25.Rxa8 Bxe4 26.Rh2 Rd7 27.Rd2 Rxd2 28.Kxd2 h4 29.Ke3 h3 30.f5 Bxf5 31.Rxa7 Ke6 32.Bg3 b5 33.cxb5 cxb5 34.Rb7 Ne7 35.Rxb5 Bb1 36.a4 Nf5+ 37.Kf4 Nd4 38.Rb6+ Kd5 39.Kxg4 Bf5+ 40.Kf4 Ne6+ 41.Ke3 Nxg5 42.a5 Ne4 43.a6 Kc5 44.a7 Kxb6 45.a8Q Nxg3 46.Qb8+ Kc5 47.Qxg3 Kb6 48.Kd4 Kc6 49.Kc4 Be6+ 50.Kb4 Bf5 51.Ka5 Kd5 52.b4 Ke6 53.b5 Kf6 54.b6 g5 55.b7 g4 56.b8Q Kg6 57.Qbd6+ Kf7 58.Qge5 Bg6 59.Qee7+ Kg8 60.Qxg6+ 1-0

Yip,Carissa (2196) - Wang,Annie (2061) [C07]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-27

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bf1 Bd6 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 Kf8 15.Qd4 h6 16.Qb4+ Kg8 17.Ne7+ Kh7 18.Bd3+ g6 19.Nxc8 Nd5 20.Qh4 Be5 21.Ne7 Nxe7 22.Rxe5 Qxe5 23.Qxe7 Qh5+ 24.Kg1 Qd1+ 25.Bf1 Kg8 26.Qxb7 Rd8 27.Qc7 Rd5 28.b3 Qd4 29.Rb1 e5 30.Bb2 Qf4 31.Bc4 Rd2 32.Rf1 Kh7 33.Bxe5 Qf5 34.Bxh8 1-0

Wang,Annie (2061) - Dong,Alice (1953) [E32]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-28

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 d6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 c5 10.Ne2 b6 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Qc2 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Ba6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Qa4 Bb7 16.Be2 d5 17.cxd5 Bxd5 18.0-0 Qe5 19.Rc1 Ne4 20.Rfd1 Qf6 21.Bf3 Qh4 22.Qc2 Rac8 23.Qe2 Qf6 24.Nb5 a6 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Nc3 Bb7 27.Rd6 b5 28.Rcd1 Rc5 29.e4 Bc6 30.Qe3 Rc4 31.f3 b4 32.axb4 Bb5 33.R1d4 Rfc8 34.h3 Qh4 35.Kh2 e5 36.Rxc4 Rxc4 37.Qd2 Rxb4 38.Nxb5 Rxb5 39.Rxa6 Qf4+ 40.Qxf4 exf4 41.Ra2 Kh7 42.g3 fxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Kg6 44.Kf4 f6 45.h4 Kh5 46.Kg3 g5 47.hxg5 Kxg5 48.Ra6 Rb3 49.Rc6 h5 50.Rc5+ Kg6 51.Rc2 Kg5 52.Rh2 Rd3 53.Rf2 Rb3 54.Rh2 ½-½

Liu,Joanna (1850) - Feng,Maggie (2227) [E11]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-28

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Bxd2 9.Nbxd2 0-0 10.e4 Nc5 11.Ne1 c6 12.Qc2 cxd5 13.cxd5 b6 14.f3 h5 15.h4 Ba6 16.Rf2 b5 17.Nb3 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 Qb6 19.Nc2 Rac8 20.Qe3 Qxe3 21.Nxe3 b4 22.Nf5 Rcd8 23.Ne7+ Kh7 24.Nc6 Ra8 25.Nxa5 Bb5 26.Nc6 b3 27.Nb4 Rfc8 28.a3 Rc4 29.Re1 Rc5 30.Bf1 Ba4 31.Ba6 Ra7 32.Rd2 Nd7 33.f4 g6 34.Be2 Rc8 35.Bd1 Re8 36.Nc6 Rc7 37.fxe5 Nxe5 38.Nxe5 Rxe5 39.Rd4 Ra7 40.Re3 f5 41.Bxb3 Bxb3 42.Rxb3 fxe4 43.Re3 Ra5 44.Rexe4 Rxe4 45.Rxe4 Rxd5 46.Kf2 Rd2+ 47.Re2 Rd3 48.a4 Rb3 49.Rd2 d5 50.a5 Rb5 51.b4 Rxb4 52.Rxd5 Ra4 53.Rg5 Kg7 54.Ke3 Kf7 55.Kd3 Ke7 56.Kc3 Kf7 57.Kb3 Ra1 58.Kb4 Ra2 59.Kb5 Rb2+ 60.Kc6 Ra2 61.Kb6 Rb2+ 62.Rb5 Re2 63.a6 Re6+ 64.Ka5 Re1 65.a7 Ra1+ 66.Kb6 Ke7 67.Ra5 Rb1+ 68.Ka6 Rd1 69.a8Q Rd6+ 70.Kb5 Re6 71.Ra7+ Kf6 72.Ra6 Rxa6 73.Qxa6+ Kg7 74.Kc5 Kf7 75.Kd5 Kg7 76.Ke5 Kh6 77.Kf4 Kg7 78.Kg5 Kf7 79.Qxg6+ Ke7 80.Kf5 Kd7 81.Ke5 Kc7 82.Kd5 Kb7 83.Kc5 Kc7 84.Qg7+ Kd8 85.Kd6 Kc8 86.Qc7# 1-0

Virkud,Apurva (1913) - Yu,Jennifer (2187) [D10]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-28

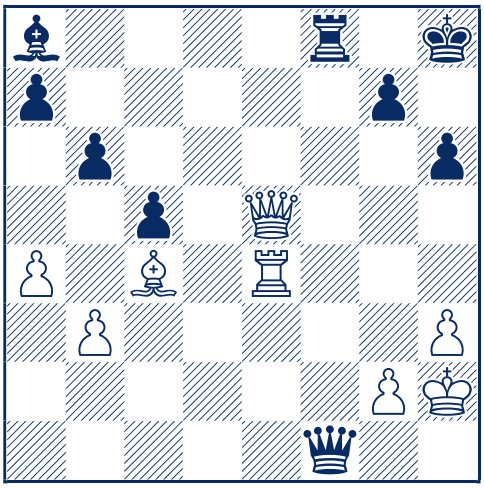
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 Bc8 7.Nf3 e6 8.Ne5 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.f4 g6 12.Qd1 Nd7 13.Bd2 Ndxe5 14.fxe5 f6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Rc1 Kg7 17.Qb3 Bd7 18.Kh1 Na5 19.Qd1 Rc8 20.Nb5 Rxc1 21.Qxc1 Nc6 22.e4 dxe4 23.Bh6+ Kg8 24.Bxf8 exd3 25.Bh6 Nb4 26.Nc3 Bg7 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Qf4 Nc6 29.Qf7+ Kh6 30.Ne4 e5 31.Nf6 Bf5 32.Qxh7+ Kg5 33.Ng8 Nxd4 34.Qh6+ Kg4 35.h3+ Kg3 36.Qe3+ Kh4 37.Rf4+ exf4 38.Qxf4+ Kh5 39.Qh6# 1-0

Evan Xiang (right) vs Emily Nguyen (left)

Xiang,Evan (1806) - Nguyen,Emily (1944) [D02]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-28

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.h3 b6 6.c4 Bb7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Ne4 10.Qc2 f5 11.Ne5 c6 12.f3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd6 14.b3 Bf6 15.e4 dxc4 16.Be2 Nf7 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Bxc4 Qxd4+ 19.Kh1 Qf6 20.f4 Kh8 21.Rae1 Rfe8 22.Ne2 Rad8 23.Ng3 Nh6 24.Qe2 Qh4 25.Qe3 c5 26.Kg1 Bc6 27.a4 Qf6 28.Re2 Qg6 29.Rfe1 fxe4 30.Nxe4 e5 31.Ng3 exf4 32.Qxf4 Rf8 33.Qh4 Nf5 34.Nxf5 Qxf5 35.Qe7 Rde8 36.Qd6 Rxe2 37.Rxe2 Ba8 38.Bd3 Qf1+ 39.Kh2 Rg8 40.Qe5 h6 41.Bc4 Rf8 42.Re4



(black to move)

42…Qb1?? (The losing move. Black needs to keep her queen close to home with 42…Qf2 43.Rg4 Qf6 or 43.Re2 Qd4.) 43.Rg4 Qh7 (The queen is back, but now only gets in the way.) 44.Qe7 Rc8 45.Be6 (45.Rf4 is even more efficient: 45…Qc2 46.Rf8+ Kh7 47.Bg8+ Kh8 [47…Kg6 48.Qe6+ Kg5/h4 49.Qg4 mate] 48.Be6+ Kh7 49.Bf5+) 45…Rb8 46.Qxa7 (46.Rf4 Qc2 47.Rf8+ Kh7 48.Bf5+) 46…Re8 47.Qf7 Rd8 48.Rf4 Qc2 49.Qf8+ Rxf8 50.Rxf8+ Kh7 51.Bf5+ Qxf5 52.Rxf5 Kg6 53.Rf8 Bd5 54.Rb8 c4 55.Rxb6+ Kf5 56.Rb5 Ke6 57.Rxd5 Kxd5 58.bxc4+ Kxc4 59.Kg3 Kb4 60.Kg4 g6 61.h4 Kxa4 62.h5 gxh5+ 63.Kxh5 Kb5 64.Kxh6 Kc6 65.g4 Kd7 66.g5 Ke8 67.Kh7 1-0

Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) - Yip,Carissa (2196) [C77]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-28

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.c3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rd1 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 c4 13.b4 Nb7 14.a4 Bd7 15.h3 Rfe8 16.Be3 g6 17.Nbd2 Nh5 18.Ra3 Ng7 19.Rda1 f5 20.axb5 Bxb5 21.Ba4 Bxa4 22.Rxa4 f4 23.Rxa6 Rxa6 24.Rxa6 fxe3 25.fxe3 Rb8 26.Rc6 Qd7 27.Qxc4 Ne8 28.Nb3 Kg7 29.Qa6 Nd8 30.Rb6 Nc7 31.Qa3 Rxb6 32.c4 Ra6 33.Qb2 Qa4 34.Qc3 Rb6 35.b5 Nf7 36.Na5 Nxb5 37.cxb5 Rxb5 38.Nc6 Bf6 39.Nd2 Rc5 40.Qb4 Qxb4 41.Nxb4 Bh4 42.Kf1 Rc1+ 43.Ke2 Rg1 44.Nf3 Rxg2+ 45.Kd3 Bf6 0-1

Nguyen,Emily (1944) - Liu,Joanna (1850) [A45]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-28

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.c3 d6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Bd7 8.Nd2 g5 9.0-0 h5 10.f4 0-0-0 11.e5 Qh6 12.b4 gxf4 13.b5 Nb8 14.exd6 Bxd6 15.Nc4 e5 16.Qa4 Rdg8 17.Qxa7 Bxb5 18.Rab1 Rxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Qg5+ 20.Ng3 Bc6+ 21.Kf2 fxg3+ 22.hxg3 e4 23.Nxd6+ cxd6 24.Be2 Rg8 25.Ke1 Qxg3+ 26.Kd2 e3+ 27.Kd1 Qg6 28.Rb2 h4 29.Qa5 Bg2 30.Rf4 Qe6 31.Qh5 Bc6 32.Qxh4 Ba4+ 33.Kc1 Rg1+ 34.Rf1 Qg6 35.Qh3+ Nd7 36.Qxe3 Rxf1+ 37.Bxf1 Qe6 38.Qxe6 fxe6 39.Bh3 e5 40.Bxd7+ Bxd7 41.dxe5 dxe5 42.Re2 Be6 43.Kb2 Bd5 44.Rxe5 Bc6 45.Kb3 Kc7 46.Kb4 Kb6 47.Re6 Kc7 48.a4 Bd5 49.Rh6 Be4 50.a5 Bc6 51.Kc5 Be4 52.a6 bxa6 53.Rxa6 1-0

Yip,Carissa (2196) - Xiang,Evan (1806) [B01]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-28

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Nb5 Qb6 7.Bf4 Na6 8.c4 c6 9.c5 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Bc4 Nc7 12.Qb3 Ncd5 13.Be5 0-0 14.0-0 e6 15.Rfe1 b5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Bd6 Re8 18.Ne5 Bb7 19.a4 Qb4 20.Qxb4 Nxb4 21.axb5 a6 22.bxa6 Bxa6 23.Ra4 Nd3 24.Rea1 Nxe5 25.dxe5 Bb7 26.f4 f6 27.Ra7 g5 28.R1a3 Rxa7 29.Rxa7 Bc8 30.Ne4 fxe5 31.fxe5 Rd8 32.Nxg5 h6 33.Ne4 Rd7 34.Ra8 Rd8 35.Nc3 Kf7 36.Na4 Ke8 37.Nb6 Bd7 38.Ra7 Bh8 39.Bc7 Bc8 40.Bxd8 Kxd8 41.Ra8 Bxe5 42.Rxc8+ Ke7 43.Rxc6 Bxb2 44.Rc7+ Kd8 45.Rd7+ Ke8 46.c6 Bc1 47.c7 Be3+ 48.Kf1 Bxb6 49.c8Q+ Bd8 50.Qxd8# 1-0

Dong,Alice (1953) - Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) [B90]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-28

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Be7 8.Bg2 Nfd7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nce2 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 h5 12.gxh5 Nf6 13.h6 gxh6 14.Ne2 Qc7 15.b3 Bd7 16.c4 0-0-0 17.Be3 Bc6 18.f3 Rhg8 19.b4 d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.Qc2 dxc4 22.Qxc4 Nd5 23.Bc5 Bxc5+ 24.Qxc5 Qe5 25.Nd4 Rxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Nf4+ 27.Kh2 Qxd4 28.Qf5+ Kb8 29.Rad1 Qb2+ 30.Kg3 Ne2+ 31.Kg4 Qxb4+ 32.f4 Rg8+ 0-1

Yu,Jennifer (2187) - Wang,Annie (2061) [A29]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-28

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 e4 7.Ng5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Re8 9.d3 exd3 10.exd3 d6 11.Rb1 Ne5 12.f4 Ng6 13.Ne4 h6 14.Be3 Ng4 15.Bd2 f5 16.Nf2 Nxf2 17.Rxf2 c6 18.Qh5 Qf6 19.g4 Re7 20.g5 hxg5 21.fxg5 Qf7 22.Re2 Rxe2 23.Qxe2 Be6 24.Re1 Re8 25.Qf2 f4 26.Rf1 Rf8 27.Qd4 Bg4 28.Rf2 Qf5 29.Qxd6 Qxg5 30.h4 Qh6 31.Be4 Rf6 32.Qb8+ Rf8 33.Qd6 Bf5 34.Bxf4 Qh5 35.Bxf5 Rxf5 36.Bg3 Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Rxf2+ 38.Bxf2 Kh7 39.Qd4 Qe2 40.a4 Kh8 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Qd4 a6 43.Kg3 Ne5 44.Qe4+ Qxe4 45.dxe4 Nxc4 46.Kf3 b5 47.axb5 cxb5 48.Ke2 a5 49.Kd3 a4 50.Kc2 Kh6 51.Bd4 g5 52.hxg5+ Kxg5 53.Bh8 Kf4 54.e5 Kf5 55.Kb1 Nxe5 56.Ka2 Nc4 57.Bg7 Ke4 58.Bh8 Kd3 59.Bg7 Ne3 60.Kb2 Nd1+ 61.Ka3 Kc4 62.Bf8 Nxc3 63.Be7 Nd5 64.Bf8 Ne3 65.Be7 Nc2+ 66.Kb2 Nb4 67.Bf8 Na6 68.Ka3 Nc5 69.Bg7 b4+ 70.Ka2 Kd3 71.Bf8 Kc2 72.Bg7 Nd3 73.Bf6 a3 74.Bg7 Nc1+ 75.Ka1 b3 0-1

Feng,Maggie (2227) - Virkud,Apurva (1913) [B23]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-28

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bc4 Bg7 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 Nge7 8.Qe1 0-0 9.f5 exf5 10.Qh4 h5 11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Bf6 a6 13.a4 b6 14.Rae1 Rb8 15.Bd5 Bxf6 16.Qxf6 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Qe6 18.Qc3 f6 19.Nf4 Qf7 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Nh4 Ne5 22.Nxh5 Qh7 23.Nxf5 Qxh5 24.Nxd6 Qh4 25.Ne4 Rbe8 26.Re3 f5 27.Rh3 Qd8 28.Nf2 Qd4 29.Qb3+ Kg7 30.Qxb6 Rf7 31.c3 Qd5 32.d4 Nc4 33.Qxc5 Qxc5 34.dxc5 Nxb2 35.Nd3 Nxa4 36.Ra1 Nxc3 37.Rxa6 Rb7 38.Ra1 Ne2+ 39.Kf2 Nd4 40.Re1 Ra8 41.Rc1 ½-½

Liu,Joanna (1850) - Virkud,Apurva (1913) [D35]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-29

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nf3 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.a3 g6 12.b4 a6 13.Rab1 Ne6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.a4 a5 16.b5 c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Ra1 Bg4 19.Nd4 Rc8 20.h3 Be6 21.Nce2 Ne4 22.Qd1 Nc3 23.Qd2 Nxe2+ 24.Bxe2 Bf5 25.Rac1 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Be4 27.Nb3 Be5 28.Bd3 Bxd3 29.Qxd3 Bb8 30.Qc3 Qd6 31.g3 Qe6 32.Kh2 Qf5 33.Qc2 Qf3 34.Nd4 Qf6 35.Kg2 Be5 36.Rd1 Rd8 37.Nf3 Bb8 38.Qc5 b6 39.Qc6 Qe6 40.Rc1 Qe4 41.Qxb6 Re8 42.Qxa5 h5 43.Qd2 Qxa4 44.Qxd5 Qa3 45.Qc6 Qe7 46.Rd1 Rf8 47.b6 Qb4 48.b7 Qa5 49.Rd5 Qa2 50.Ne5 Qb1 51.Rb5 Qe1 52.Nxg6 Bxg3 53.Ne7+ 1-0

Wang,Annie (2061) - Feng,Maggie (2227) [E00]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-29

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Bb4+ 3.Bd2 a5 4.g3 d6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qc2 Bxd2 10.Nbxd2 Qe7 11.e4 0-0 12.Rad1 Nc5 13.Rfe1 b6 14.Nb1 Bg4 15.Nc3 c6 16.Rd2 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Rfd8 18.Red1 Ne6 19.Bg2 Rxd2 20.Rxd2 Rd8 21.Qd1

Rxd2 22.Qxd2 Nd4 23.Ne2 Qb4 24.Qxb4 Nxe2+ 25.Kf1 Nxg3+ 26.fxg3 axb4 27.Ke2 c5 28.Kd3 Kf8 29.Bf3 Ne8 30.Bg4 Ke7 31.Bh3 Nc7 32.Ke3 Ne6 33.Bg4 Nd4 34.Bd1 g6 35.g4 Kf6 36.h4 Ke7 37.h5 gxh5 38.gxh5 Kf6 39.Kd2 Kg5 40.Ke3 Ne6 41.Kf3 Kxh5 42.Kg3+ Kg5 43.Bg4 Nd4 44.Bd7 h5 45.Bc8 h4+ 46.Kh3 f5 47.exf5 Nxf5 48.Bb7 Kf4 49.Bg2 e4 50.Bf1 e3 51.Bd3 Nd4 52.Kg2 e2 53.Kf2 h3 0-1

Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) - Yu,Jennifer (2187) [B90]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-29

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 b5 8.Bb3 Be7 9.Qf3 Qb6 10.Be3 Qb7 11.Qg3 Nbd7 12.Rad1 b4 13.Nf5 bxc3 14.Nxe7 Qxe4 15.Bd4 Kxe7 16.Rfe1 Qc6 17.Qxg7 Ne5 18.Rxe5 dxe5 19.Bxe5 Ne4 20.Qxh8 Bb7 21.Qg7 cxb2 22.Bxb2 Qc5 23.Bd4 Qf5 24.Bb6 Rc8 25.Qd4 Bd5 26.c4 Nxf2 27.Qxf2 Bxc4 28.Qh4+ Qf6 29.Qxf6+ Kxf6 30.Rc1 Rb8 31.Bc7 Rc8 32.Rxc4 1-0

Emily Nguyen (right) vs Carissa Yip (left)

Nguyen,Emily (1944) - Yip,Carissa (2196) [A40]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-29

Annotated by Emily Nguyen

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 0-0 5.g3 d5

I kind of had no idea what to do here because I don't play these types of openings, so... I'd prepared against 5…d6 and thought she would play it where after 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 a6 8.Bf4 Rb8 9.Rc1 Bd7 10.Qd2 b5 11.Nd5, I'm happy with my position here.

6.Bg2

I think I should have taken here with 6.cxd5 to avoid more complex positions, and after 6...Nxd5 7.Bg2 white's doing well.

6...c6

I was pretty relieved when Carissa didn't take on c4 and played c6 instead. She had a chance to go completely out of my comfort zone here and play 6...dxc4 7.Ne5 c6 8.Nxc4 Be6, and black is doing fine here. I wouldn't have been very happy with this position since my knight on c4 has moved too many times, and I'm underdeveloped.

7.cxd5 cxd5

Seems a bit drawish. I thought she would take with the knight instead 7…Nxd5, because she had to play for a win, half a point behind me, but maybe after 8.e4 white has a nice center.

8.0-0 Ne4

During the game, this move really annoyed me for some reason, and I thought a long time before playing…

9.Nxe4

This move doubles black's pawns but opens up her d-file to attack my d4-pawn. I was also considering to like develop another piece and put pressure on d5 and b7 while supporting my c3-knight, but after 9.Qb3 Nc6 gives black a tempo, and if I try to defend my d-pawn with 10.Rd1 (10.Nxd5 isn't possible because of 10...Be6; and neither is 10.Qxd5 because of 10...Nxc3) 10...Nxc3 11.Qxc3 (11.bxc3 Na5 12.Qb4 Nc4, and I wasn't happy with this position, the knight on c4 is really strong.) 11...Bg4 followed by Rc8, and black's pieces are doing really well.

9...dxe4 10.Ne5

I think this move gives both sides more chances. 10.Ng5 is also possible. In the game, I rejected this move because I thought black could play 10...f5, but I missed 11.Qb3+ which is winning for me, so she's forced to take on d4, 10...Bxd4 (10...Qxd4 is also similar and after 11.Qxd4 Bxd4 12.Nxe4 this looks extremely equal).

10...f6

After the game, Carissa told me that her preparation was actually 10...Qd5, but she forgot it, and this move is pretty annoying. For example, if I play a normal move like 11.Bf4, then she could play 11...f6 12.Nd3 Qxd4.

11.Qb3+ e6 12.Nc4 f5

All of those moves were pretty forced, and here I was relatively happy with my position; she had too many weak squares and dark holes on her kingside.

13.Bf4

Here I sacrificed a pawn to get my bishop out and target her weak squares. I didn't want to play 13.e3 because my bishop wouldn't be as active on c1.

13...Nc6

First of all, 13...Bxd4 isn't possible because of 14.Rfd1 Qf6 15.Bd6 Rd8 16.e3, and I at least win my pawn back with a superior position. 13...Qxd4 14.Rfd1 Qf6 15.Be5 Qg5 16.Bxg7 trading the bishops would benefit me because it would capitalize on her dark squared weaknesses 16...Kxg7.

14.e3

Now I get to play e3 with my bishop on f4.

14...Rf7

She didn't really have anything to do here, her bishop is stuck on c8 defending the b7-pawn. I think she was planning to play Rd7, but even then her pieces can't go anywhere.

15.Nd6

The rook is forced to go back to f8.

15...Rf8

15...Re7 16.Rac1 and she's completely paralyzed here, all of my pieces are doing very well.

16.Rac1

I think she was hoping that I would play 16.Nc4 and go for the repetition, which I was actually considering because she was much higher rated and I'd still be in the lead if I drew, but I thought my position here was dominating, so I went for the win. I also considered 16.Nxb7, but I thought it was worse for me after 16...Qe7 17.Nd6 g5 18.Be5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Bxe5. However, we both missed 18.Nxf5 Rxf5 19.Bxe4, but even here things are still really complicated 19...Na5 20.Qc3 Nb7 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.Qc7 Qxc7 23.Bxc7, and I guess my d-pawn is really strong. I also missed 17.Nc5 because I thought I would lose a piece after 17...g5 18.Be5 Nxe5, but again I missed 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.Nxe6.

16...g5

I was kind of surprised by this move because it allows me to trade dark squared bishops. 16...Qb6 was what I considered for black, and after 17.Qc4 Bd7 she untangles a little.

17.Be5 Bxe5

17...Nxe5 doesn't work because of 18.dxe5; my rook will go to d1, and my knight is solid on d6.

18.dxe5 Qe7 19.Qc3 Qg7

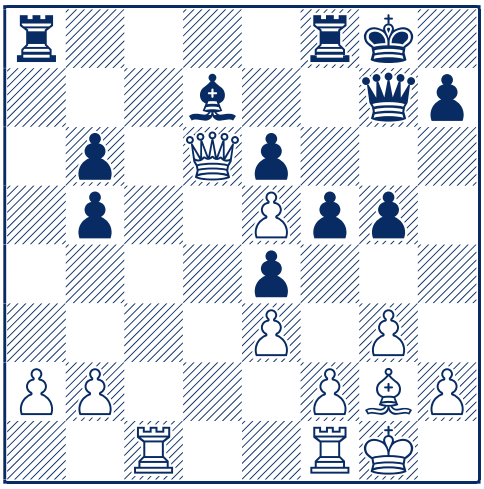
Now her position is at least a little bit better, and I'm forced to retreat in order to defend e5.

20.Nc4 b5

This move is a mistake because it allows me to double her pawns and my queen to invade. 20...Bd7 was much better, and now my advantage has disappeared.

21.Nb6 axb6 22.Qxc6 Bd7 23.Qd6

I wanted to keep a tight bind on her position and not allow her to free her pieces. 23.Qxb6 wasn't as good because 23...Qxe5 and my a- and b-pawns are both attacked.



(black to move)

23...Rac8

23...Rxa2 wasn't possible because of 24.Rc7 Rf7 25.Rd1 Be8 26.Qxe6 and black is dead here.

24.Rfd1

Developing the last of my pieces and threatening Rc7.

24...Kh8

To get out of any checks if I ever take on e6, but this move gives me an additional tempo.

25.Rc7

I wanted to trade into an ending here, because I thought I would be better -- her weak queenside pawns are terrible. Apparently, 25.Rxc8 was better, and after 25...Bxc8 26.Bf1 she actually can't do anything.

25...Rxc7 26.Qxc7 Bc8

She's forced to trade. 26...Rf7 loses immediately to 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.Qc8+.

27.Qxg7+ Kxg7 28.Rd6 b4 29.Rxb6 Rd8

Black has to try to get some counterplay.

30.Bf1

Activating my bishop. 30.Rxb4 would have lost to 30...Rd1+ 31.Bf1 Ba6.

30...Rd1 31.Kg2 f4

This was a good move; she trades off her doubled kingside pawn for one of my queenside pawns.

32.gxf4 gxf4 33.exf4 Rd2 34.Kg3 Rxb2 35.Bc4

I was also considering 35.Rc6 because I thought her bishop was trapped (35…Bb7 and 35...Bd7 both lose to 36.Rc7), but she has the resourceful 35...b3 36.axb3 (36.Rxc8 isn't possible because of 36...bxa2 37.Ra8 Rb1) 36…Rxb3+ 37.Kh4 Bb7 and black has chances to draw, since now there are only pawns on one side.

35...Rc2 36.Rxb4 Rc3+ 37.Kg2 Rc2 38.Bb3 Rd2 39.Rc4 Ba6 40.Rc2

I wanted to simplify the position as much as possible to prevent any counterplay.

40...e3 41.Rxd2 exd2 42.Bd1

This ending is just winning for me because of the outside a-pawn.

42...Bb7+ 43.f3 Kg6 44.Kf2 Bd5 45.a4 Kh5 46.Ke3 Kh4 47.Kxd2 Kh3 48.Bc2 h5 49.f5 exf5 50.Bxf5+ Kxh2 51.Bd7 Kg3 52.e6 h4 53.e7 Bf7 54.e8Q Bxe8 55.Bxe8 h3 56.f4

I think she was still hoping I would blunder and play 56.Bc6 with the idea of 56...h2 57.f4, but it loses to 56...Kf4.

56...Kxf4 57.a5 h2 58.Bc6 1-0

Xiang,Evan (1806) - Dong,Alice (1953) [A45]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-29

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.Nf3 d6 4.e3 Nbd7 5.c4 Qe7 6.Nc3 a6 7.Be2 g6 8.Qa4 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.0-0 h6 11.Rfd1 Nh5 12.Bh2 f5 13.b4 g5 14.Nh4 Qf7 15.Nf3 Kh8 16.Ne1 e5 17.Qc2 f4 18.Nf3 fxe3 19.fxe3 exd4 20.exd4 Nb6 21.c5 dxc5 22.bxc5 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Ne5 Bf5 25.Qxf5 Qxc3 26.Ng6+ Kg8 27.Nxf8 Rxf8 28.Qe6+ Kh7 29.Qe4+ Kg8 30.Rac1 Qb2 31.Qc2 Bxd4+ 32.Kh1 Qxc2 33.Rxc2 Bg7 34.Bxc7 Nf4 35.Bd6 Re8 36.Rb1 Nd5 37.Rd2 Nc3 38.Rxb7 Re1+ 39.Kh2 Ne4 40.Rb8+ Kh7 41.Re8 Bc3 42.Rc2 Bd4 43.g4 Bg1+ 44.Kg2 Bd4 45.Rxe4 Rxe4 46.c6 Re8 47.c7 Rc8 48.Rc6 a5 49.Ra6 Kg7 50.Rxa5 Bb6 51.Rb5 Bxc7 52.Rb7 Kf6 53.Rxc7 Ra8 54.a3 Ra6 55.Bb4 Ke5 56.Re7+ Kd5 57.Rd7+ Ke5 58.Rd6 1-0

Yip,Carissa (2196) - Liu,Joanna (1850) [B90]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-29

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 b5 8.Bb3 Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.Qg3 0-0 11.Bh6 Ne8 12.Rfe1 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Nd5 Qb7 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Rad1 a5 18.a4 bxa4 19.Bxa4 f6 20.Bc1 Bd7 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Rd3 Rc8 23.c3 Rc6 24.Red1 f5 25.e5 d5 26.Qh4 Qc7 27.Rh3 g6 28.Bh6 Rf7 29.Qa4 Ng7 30.Ra1 Rc5 31.Be3 Rc4 32.Qxa5 Qxe5 33.Qd8+ Rf8 34.Qg5 Rg4 35.Qh6 Nh5 36.Ra7 Qh8 37.Rxh5 1-0

Dong,Alice (1953) - Nguyen,Emily (1944) [B81]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-29

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4 h6 7.h3 Nc6 8.Bg2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.0-0 Be7 12.c3 0-0 13.Be3 Bf6 14.Ne2 Be6 15.f4 Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfe8 17.Rf3 d4 18.Bxd4 Bxg4 19.hxg4 Qxe2 20.Qxe2 Rxe2 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Rf2 Rae8 ½-½

Yu,Jennifer (2187) - Xiang,Evan (1806) [A25]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-29

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 a6 5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Ba7 7.d4 exd4 8.exd4 Nge7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 Bf5 11.h3 h6 12.Bb2 Rb8 13.Kh2 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.d5 Ne5 16.Ne4 Bh7 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.Rac1 b4 19.Nf4 Ne7 20.g4 N7g6 21.Nxg6 Bxg6 22.Ba1 Re8 23.Ng3 Nd3 24.Rc4 Bc5 25.Ne4 Ne5 26.Bxe5 Bxe4 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Bxe4 Qf6 29.Kg2 Re7 30.Re1 Rbe8 31.f3 Qg5 32.Qxg5+ hxg5 33.Kg3 Rh8 34.Rh1 f6 35.Ra1 Ra8 36.Kg2 Ra3 37.Rc2 Bd4 38.Rh1 Be3 39.h4 gxh4 40.Rxh4 Bh6 41.Kf1 Ra7 42.Rch2 f5 43.Rxh6 fxe4 44.Rh7+ Kf6 45.g5+ Kxg5 46.Rxe7 exf3 47.Rd2 Kf4 48.Kf2 Ra8 49.Rf7+ Ke4 50.Rxc7 Rh8 51.Rc4+ Ke5 52.Kxf3 Rf8+ 53.Ke3 Rb8 54.Re4+ Kf5 55.Rg2 Kf6 56.Rf4+ Ke7 57.Rg7+ Kd8 58.Rf8# 1-0

Virkud,Apurva (1913) - Wang,Annie (2061) [E32]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-29

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Na6 7.g3 Nxc5 8.Bg2 Nce4 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5 11.e4 d6 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Qc7 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Rfd1 Ba4 17.Rd4 Ba3 18.Nd7 Qa5 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Qh4 Be7 22.Bd6 Qg5 23.Bxe7 Qxh4 24.Rxh4 Rfe8 25.Bxf6+ Kg8 26.Be4 1-0

Feng,Maggie (2227) - Bykovtsev,Agata (2158) [E62]

2016 Girls Closed, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-29

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.e4 e5 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Qc2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Re8 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Rad1 Be6 14.b3 Rac8 15.Rfe1 a6 16.Qd2 Rcd8 17.f4 Bc8 18.Bf2 Nfd7 19.Re3 Ne6 20.Nc2 b5 21.b4 Qc7 22.cxb5 axb5 23.Qxd6 Qb7 24.Qd2 Ne5 25.Qe1 Rxd1 26.Nxd1 Nc4 27.Rd3 Qa6 28.a3 Qa4 29.Qe2 Nc7 30.Nc3 Bxc3 31.Rxc3 Nd5 32.Rd3 Nb2 33.Bd4 Nxd3 34.Qxd3 Ne7 35.Bb2 Qa7+ 36.Kh2 Rf8 37.Qc3 f6 38.e5 Nd5 39.Qxc6 Ne7 40.Qc3 Qf2 41.exf6 Bb7 42.Ne3 Nf5 43.f7+ Kxf7 44.Qf6+ Ke8 45.Qe5+ Kf7 46.Qf6+ ½-½

TD Alex Relyea congratulates the winner, Emily Nguyen

US Girls Blitz (Tiebreak)

Manchester – June 25, 2016

Before the start of the US Girls Junior Championship, a blitz event was held among the participants, the results of which would serve to break any first place ties should the need arise. Alice Dong took top honors by reeling off seven straight wins in between a first round loss to Jennifer Yu and a last round loss to Emily Nguyen.

Bob Messenger, WCM Maggie Feng, WFM Joanna Liu, WCM Apurva Virkud, WIM Annie Wang, WIM Agata Bykovtsev, Carissa Yip, Alice Dong, WFM Emily Nguyen, WFM Jennifer Yu, WFM Evan Xiang and Alex Relyea

Liu,Joanna (1857) - Virkud,Apurva [D35]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.Bh4 Ng6 12.Bg3 Be6 13.a3 a5 14.Na4 Rc8 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.dxc5 Qd7 17.b4 Ra8 18.Nd4 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Rfd1 Bd5 21.Bd6 Qg4 22.h3 Qd7 23.Rdb1 a4 24.b5 Ne5 25.bxc6 bxc6 26.Rb4 Nd3 27.Rb6 Ne5 28.Bxe5 Rxe5 29.Qb2 Rae8 30.Rb1 h6 31.Qb4 Rg5 32.Kh1 Ba2 33.Ra1 Bb3 34.Nxb3 axb3 35.Qxb3 Rxc5 36.Rd1 Qf5 37.Qb2 Rd5 38.Rxd5 Qxd5 39.Qd4 Ra8 40.Qxd5 cxd5 41.Rb3 Ra4 42.f3 exf3 43.gxf3 Kf8 44.Kg2 Ke7 45.Kf2 Kf6 46.Kg3 Ke5 47.Rd3 Ke6 48.f4 Kd6 49.Kg4 Ke6 50.h4 g6 51.Rb3 Ra6 52.h5 Kf6 53.Rd3 Ke6 54.Kh4 Ra4 55.Rb3 Kf5 56.hxg6 fxg6 57.Kg3 g5 58.fxg5 hxg5 59.Kf3 ½-½

Yu,Jennifer R (1881) - Dong,Alice [A19]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 c5 4.Nf3 d6 5.Be2 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Be3 a6 10.a3 Rb8 11.d4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc7 13.b4 Ne5 14.Qb3 b6 15.f4 Ned7 16.Rac1 Bb7 17.Bf3 Rbc8 18.Qb1 Rfd8 19.Na4 Bf8 20.Kh1 Qb8 21.Rfd1 Qa8 22.e5 dxe5 23.fxe5 Nxe5 24.Nxb6 Qb8 25.Nxc8 Bxf3 26.Nxf3 Nxf3 27.gxf3 Rxc8 28.Qb2 Nh5 29.Qg2 Ng3+ 30.Kg1 Nf5 31.Bf2 Qf4 32.c5 Ne3 33.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 34.Kh1 Qxa3 35.Rc4 a5 36.bxa5 Qxa5 37.Rdc1 Rc6 38.f4 Qb5 39.R4c2 1-0

Xiang,Evan - Wang,Annie [A40]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

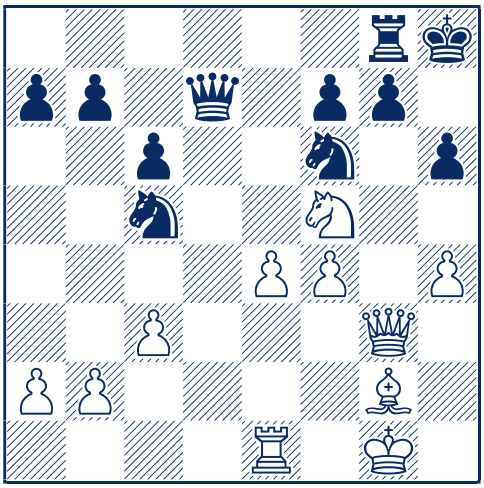
1.d4 e6 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Be7 4.h3 0-0 5.e3 b6 6.c4 Bb7 7.Be2 c5 8.Nc3 d6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nb5 d5 11.Nd6 Bxd6 12.Bxd6 Re8

13.Rc1 Ne4 14.Bf4 Rc8 15.Qb3 cxd4 16.exd4 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Ndf6 18.Rfd1 Nd5 19.Bh2 Qe7 20.Bb5 Red8 21.Ne5 Qg5 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Nf3 Qe7 24.Nd2 Nxd2 25.Rxd2 Qg5 26.Qd3 Nb4 27.Qf1 Qxd2 28.Bf4 Qxf4 29.g3 Qf3 0-1

Bykovtsev,Agata - Feng,Maggie (1805) [A06]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.d3 Nbd7 5.0-0 e5 6.Nbd2 c6 7.e4 Be7 8.Qe1 dxe4 9.dxe4 0-0 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.Ne3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Rfe8 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.Bg2 Rad8 15.c3 Nc5 16.Bg5 Ncd7 17.Qe2 h6 18.Bd2 Nc5 19.Rad1 Ne6 20.h4 Rd7 21.Qf3 Nh7 22.Qg4 Kh8 23.Be3 Red8 24.Rxd7 Qxd7 25.f4 Nf6 26.Qf3 exf4 27.gxf4 Bc5 28.Bxc5 Nxc5 29.Qg3 Rg8 30.Re1



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30…Ncxe4 31.Bxe4 Nxe4 32.Rxe4 Qxf5 33.Re2 Rd8 34.Kg2 Rd3 35.Re3 Rd2+ 36.Kf1 Qb1+ 37.Re1 Qxb2 38.Qe3 Rd8 39.Qe7 Qd2 40.Qe5 Qd3+ 41.Re2 Qf3+ 42.Ke1 Qg3+ 43.Rf2 Qxh4 44.Ke2 Qh3 45.Rf3 Qd7 46.Kf2 Re8 47.Qc5 Qd2+ 48.Kg3 Qe1+ 49.Qf2 Qxf2+ 50.Kxf2 Kh7 51.c4 Kg6 52.Kg3 Kf5 53.Rb3 b6 54.c5 b5 55.a4 a6 56.axb5 axb5 57.Rd3 Rb8 58.Rd7 b4 59.Rxf7+ Kg6 60.Rd7 b3 61.Rd6+ Kf5 62.Rd1 Rb5 63.Rb1 b2 64.Kf3 h5 65.Kg3 Rb3+ 66.Kh4 g6 67.Rg1 Rb4 0-1

Nguyen,Emily (1632) - Yip,Carissa (1610) [A45]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (1), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 d6 4.f3 Nf6 5.e4 g6 6.c4 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Nge2 e5 10.Be3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ng4 12.Nxc6 Nxe3 13.Nxd8 Nxd1 14.Kxd1 Rxd8 15.Kc2 Be6 16.Nd5 Rd7 17.Nf4 Be5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rad1 a5 20.a4 Ra6 21.b3 Rb6 22.h3 Kg7 23.Rhf1 Rf7 24.Rf2 Bd4 25.Re2 e5 26.Ree1 Kh6 27.Bf1 Kg5 28.Rd3 Kf4 29.Kd1 Kg3 30.Ke2 Ra6 31.Rb1 c5 32.Rbd1 Ra8 33.R1d2 Raf8 34.Rd1 Rf4 35.R1d2 h5 36.Rd1 g5 37.Ke1 Kh2 38.R1d2 Kg3 39.Rd1 Kh2 40.R1d2 Kg3 41.Rd1 Kh4 42.Be2 Kg3 43.Bf1 ½-½

Virkud,Apurva - Nguyen,Emily (1632) [D46]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 h6 11.Bc2 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.h3 Qxc4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.Be4 Qd6 18.Rb1 Be6 19.b3 Rad8 20.Be3 a6 21.Rbd1 Qe7 22.Bb1 Bd5 23.Qf5 g6 24.Qg4 Bg7 25.Bb6 Rd7 26.Rfe1 Be6 27.Qf3 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Qg5 29.Be3 Qa5 30.Bd2 Qd5 31.Be4 Qc5 32.Bc1 a5 33.Qd3 Qe7 34.Re1 Kh7 35.Rd1 Re8 36.Bf4 a4 37.Bf3 axb3 38.axb3 Qb4 39.Bg3 Bxb3 40.Qd7 Bxd1 41.Qxe8 Bxf3 42.gxf3 Qb3 43.Qe7 b5 44.Kg2 Qc4 45.Bd6 Qd5 46.Bc5 Bc3 47.Qd6 Qxd6 48.Bxd6 Bd4 49.Bb4 c5 50.Bd2 c4 51.Kf1 c3 52.Bc1 b4 53.Ke2 b3 54.Kd3 b2 55.Bxb2 cxb2 56.Kc2 Kg7 57.f4 Kf6 58.f3 Kf5 59.Kb1 Kxf4 0-1

Feng,Maggie (1805) - Liu,Joanna (1857) [A05]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-25

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.0-0 c6 5.d3 h6 6.c4 e6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qb3 Qc8 10.Rac1 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Nbd7 12.Nd4 Nb6 13.Nxf5 exf5 14.Qb3 Nfd7 15.Bh3 g6 16.Bxh6 Re8 17.Be3 Bf6 18.Bg2 Bg7 19.Nb5 Re6 20.Nd4 Re7 21.Nf3 Qe8 22.Rfe1 Rb8 23.Bf1 Re6 24.Bf4 Ra8 25.Ng5 Re7 26.Bd6 Bh6 27.Bxe7 Qxe7 28.h4 Bxg5 29.hxg5 Qxg5 30.Bg2 Re8 31.Qa3 a6 32.Qd6 Qd2 33.e4 fxe4 34.Rcd1 Qxb2 35.Rxe4 Rxe4 36.dxe4 Qxa2 37.e5 Qe2 38.f4 Qe3+ 39.Kh2 g5 40.Qh6 gxf4 41.gxf4 Qe2

42.Qg5+ Kf8 43.Qd8+ Kg7 44.Rg1 Nxe5 45.fxe5 Qxe5+ 46.Kh1 Kh6 47.Qh4+ Qh5 48.Qxh5+ Kxh5 49.Rb1 Nc4 50.Rxb7 f5 51.Bxc6 Na5 52.Rc7 Nxc6 53.Rxc6 f4 54.Kg2 Kg4 55.Rxa6 f3+ 56.Kf2 Kf4 57.Ra4+ Kg5 58.Kxf3 1-0

Wang,Annie - Bykovtsev,Agata [E61]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.e3 e6 9.Be2 Qe7 10.Qc2 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Ndf6 12.Nd2 c6 13.Kb1 Nxg3 14.hxg3 e5 15.d5 cxd5 16.cxd5 0-0 17.Bd3 Bd7 18.Nde4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 f5 20.Bd3 e4 21.Be2 Rac8 22.Qb3 Be8 23.Nb5 a6 24.Nd4 Rc5 25.Ne6 Bf7 26.Nxc5 dxc5 27.Qb6 Qe5 28.Bc4 f4 29.gxf4 gxf4 30.Rxh6 Bxh6 31.Qxh6 b5 32.Be2 Rd8 33.exf4 Qg7 34.Qxa6 Qxg2 35.Qxb5 Qxf2 36.Bc4 e3 37.Qb6 Re8 38.Qf6 e2 39.Qg5+ Kf8 40.Qh6+ Ke7 41.d6+ Kd7 42.Bb5+ 1-0

Yu,Jennifer R (1881) - Xiang,Evan [A16]

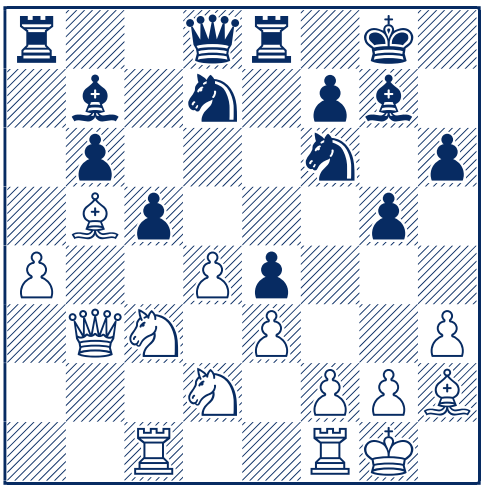
2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (2), 2016-06-25

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Rb1 c6 8.Nf3 Nd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.d4 e5 11.Bg5 Qa5 12.Qd2 exd4 13.cxd4 Qxd2 14.Bxd2 Re8 15.e3 Nb6 16.Rfc1 Bf5 17.Rb2 Rab8 18.Ba5 Nd5 19.Nd2 Bf8 20.Rb3 Be6 21.Rcb1 b6 22.Bc3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Bxb3 24.Rxb3 Rxe3 25.Bxc6 Rc8 26.d5 Bc5 27.Kg2 Re2+ 28.Kh3 h5 29.Nf3 Rxa2 30.Bf6 Ra3 31.Rxa3 Bxa3 32.Nd4 Bd6 33.Nb5 Bb8 34.Be7 a6 35.Nd4 Be5 36.Nf3 Bb8 37.Bb7 Re8 38.d6 Bxd6 39.Bxd6 a5 40.Ne5 b5 41.Bc6 Re6 42.Nxf7 Kxf7 43.Bd5 b4 44.Kg2 Kf6 45.Bxe6 Kxe6 46.Bc5 Kd5 47.Bf8 Kc4 48.Kf2 b3 49.Ba3 Kc3 50.Ke2 b2 51.Bxb2+ Kxb2 52.h3 a4 53.g4 a3 54.gxh5 gxh5 55.Kf3 a2 56.Kg3 a1Q 57.Kh4 Qa4+ 58.Kxh5 Qe8+ 59.Kg5 Qf8 60.h4 Kc3 61.h5 Kd4 62.h6 Ke5 63.Kg6 Ke6 64.h7 Qh8 65.Kh6 Kf5 66.Kh5 Qxh7# 0-1

Xiang,Evan - Dong,Alice [A45]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.Be2 d6 6.h3 Nbd7 7.c4 h6 8.Nc3 g5 9.Bh2 Bg7 10.Rc1 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.b4 e5 13.Qb3 a6 14.c5 e4 15.Nd2 dxc5 16.bxc5 Rb8 17.c6 Bxc6 18.Bxa6 Ra8 19.Bb5 Bb7 20.a4 c5



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21.dxc5 (21.Nc4 is an improvement. After 21…cxd4 22.exd4 Bf8 [stopping Nd6] 23.Bxd7 Nxd7 [protecting b6] 24.Nb5, a knight lands with great effect on c7 or d6.) 21…Nxc5 22.Qc2 Re7 23.Nc4 Ne8 24.Rfd1 Qc8 25.Nd6 Nxd6 26.Bxd6 Re6 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.Rxd5 Qd8 29.Rcd1 Nb7 30.Bc7 Qf6 31.Bd7 Re7 32.Bg3 Nc5 33.Bb5 Nb7 34.Rd7 Rxd7 35.Rxd7 Nc5 36.Rd6 Qa1+ 37.Kh2 Be5 38.Rxb6 Bxg3+ 39.fxg3 Nxa4 40.Rxh6 Qg7 41.Qc6 Ra5 42.Bxa4 Rxa4 43.Qxa4 Qxh6 44.Qxe4 Qf6 45.Qf3 Qg6 46.e4 Kg7 47.Qf5 Qh6 48.e5 Kf8 49.Qd7 Kg7 50.g4 Qb6 51.Qd6 Qe3 52.Qf6+ Kf8 53.Qf5 Kg7 54.Qf6+ Kf8 0-1

Bykovtsev,Agata - Yu,Jennifer R (1881) [B90]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bb3 b5 9.Qf3 Qb6 10.Be3 Qb7 11.Qg3 Nbd7 12.f3 0-0 13.Kh1 Rb8 14.Bh6 Nh5 15.Qh3 Ndf6 16.Bg5 g6 17.Qh4 e5 18.Nde2 Be6 19.Rad1 Rbd8 20.Ng3 h6 21.Nxh5 hxg5 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Qg3 Kg7 24.Bd5 Qc7 25.Rd2 Rh8 26.Rfd1 Rh7 27.Qe1 Rdh8 28.g3 g4 29.Qe3 gxf3 30.Qxf3 Bg5 31.Rf2 Qe7 1-0

Nguyen,Emily (1632) - Feng,Maggie (1805) [D21]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Be6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Ng5 Bd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Nf3 e6 11.Rc1 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Be7 13.Bxc4 Qd7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Bb5 Qd5 16.Bc4 Qd6 17.Bc3 Rfd8 18.Qe2 a6 19.a4 Nd5 20.Rfd1 Bf6 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Ne5 Rac8 23.f4 Ne7 24.Qf3 Qxf3 25.Nxf3 Nd5 26.Ba5 b6 27.Bd2 Be7 28.g3 f6 29.Kf2 Kf7 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Rc1 Rxc1 32.Bxc1 Ke8 33.Ke2 Kd7 34.Kd3 Kc6 35.Bd2 b5 36.axb5+ axb5 37.Ne1 Nb6 38.Nc2 Nc4 39.Bc3 Nd6 40.Nb4+ Kd7 41.d5 Nf5 42.dxe6+ Kxe6 43.Nc6 Bc5 44.g4 Nd6 45.Bd4 Bxd4 46.Nxd4+ Kd5 47.Ne2 g6 48.h3 f5 49.Nc3+ Kc5 50.gxf5 gxf5 51.Ne2 Kd5 52.Nc3+ Kc5 53.Ne2 ½-½

Yip,Carissa (1610) - Virkud,Apurva [B99]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (3), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 Rb8 11.Bh4 h6 12.g5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 b5 14.f5 e5 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Nb3 b4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Rxd5 Bb7 19.Rd1 Rc8 20.Bd3 Rh4 21.Rhg1 Bf6 22.Kb1 Bc6 23.Rc1 a5 24.Nd2 a4 0-1

Dong,Alice - Virkud,Apurva [B90]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Be7 8.Bg2 Qc7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nde2 b5 11.a3 Bb7 12.Ng3 Nd7 13.Nce2 0-0 14.b3 Bf6 15.Rb1 Rfd8 16.g5 Be7 17.h4 Nce5 18.Bb2 Rac8 19.Rc1 Nb6 20.Nf4 d5 21.Qe2 d4 22.Nfh5 Ng6 23.Qg4 Ne5 24.Qh3 Ng6 25.f4 Bf8 26.Qg4 Qc5 27.Kh2 Nd7 28.Ne2 Nb8 29.Rfd1 e5 30.f5 Ne7 31.Rf1 Nbc6 32.f6 Ng6 33.fxg7 Bxg7 34.Nxg7 Kxg7 35.h5 Nf8 36.Ng3 Ne7 37.Qf3 f5 38.gxf6+ Kh8 39.fxe7 Qxe7 40.Nf5 Qf7 41.Qh3 Qe8 42.Qg4 Ne6 1-0

Xiang,Evan - Bykovtsev,Agata [A48]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 d6 5.c4 0-0 6.Nc3 Nfd7 7.h3 e5 8.Bh2 Nc6 9.Be2 Kh8 10.0-0 f5 11.Rc1 h6 12.a3 g5 13.b4 f4 14.c5 a6 15.d5 Ne7 16.Ne4 Nf6 17.Nxf6 Rxf6 18.e4 Ng6 19.a4 g4 20.hxg4 Bxg4 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Qe8 23.cxd6 cxd6 24.Rc7 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 Qxb5 26.Qb1 Qe8 27.Qxb7 Rb8 28.Qa7 Ra8 29.Qb7 Bf8 30.Rfc1 Ne7 31.Qb4 Rd8 32.Qd2 Qg6 33.Qe2 Qg5 34.Bh5 Ng6 35.Qg4 Qxg4 36.Bxg4 Nh4 37.Kf1 Rg6 38.Bh3 Bg7 39.Rc8 Rxc8 40.Rxc8+ Kh7 41.Rd8 Rf6 42.Ke2 Kg6 43.g3 f3+ 44.Kf1 Ng2 45.Bxg2 fxg2+ 46.Kxg2 Kg5 47.Bg1 h5 48.f3 h4 49.Be3+ Kg6 50.gxh4 Bf8 51.Kg3 Be7 52.Rg8+ Kf7 53.Rg4 Bf8 54.Bg5 Rg6 55.h5 Rg8 56.Kh4 Rh8 57.Be3 Be7+ 58.Bg5 Bf8 59.Rg1 Bg7 60.Ra1 Bf8 61.Ra7+ Kg8 62.Bf6 Rh6 63.Kg5 Rh7 64.Rxh7 Kxh7 65.Kf5 Kg8 66.Ke6 Kh7 67.Be7 Bh6 68.Bxd6 1-0

Feng,Maggie (1805) - Yip,Carissa (1610) [A05]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-25

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 d5 5.c4 e6 6.Bg2 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.d4 Ne4 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Na3 0-0 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.Ne5 Nxd4 13.Nd3 Ne6 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nb1 Rd8 16.Qc2 b6 17.Qb2+ Kg8 18.f3 Nd6 19.Ne5 Bb7 20.f4 Nf5 21.Ng4 h5 22.Nf6+ Kf8 23.Nh7+ Kg8 24.Nf6+ Kf8 25.Nh7+ Kg8 26.Nf6+ ½-½

Yu,Jennifer R (1881) - Liu,Joanna (1857) [A29]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-25

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4 a6 10.d3 Be6 11.Bb2 f6 12.Rc1 a5 13.b5 Nd4 14.Nd2 Rb8 15.e3 Nf5 16.Qe2 Nh6 17.Nc4 Nxc4 18.dxc4 Bc5 19.Rfd1 Qe7 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Rd3 Nf5 23.Rcd1 Nd6 24.R3d2 b6 25.a4 Rfd8 26.Kh1 Qe8 27.Qg4 Qg6 28.Qf3 Bb4 29.Rd3 Rf8 30.Qg2 Qf5 31.f4 exf4 32.exf4 Rfe8 33.Bd4 Re7 34.Qf3 Rbe8 35.Bc6 Re1+ 36.Bg1 R8e2 37.Rxe1 Rxe1 38.Re3 Qb1 39.Rxe1 Qxe1 40.Bd5 Bc5 41.Qg2 0-1

Wang,Annie - Nguyen,Emily (1632) [D46]

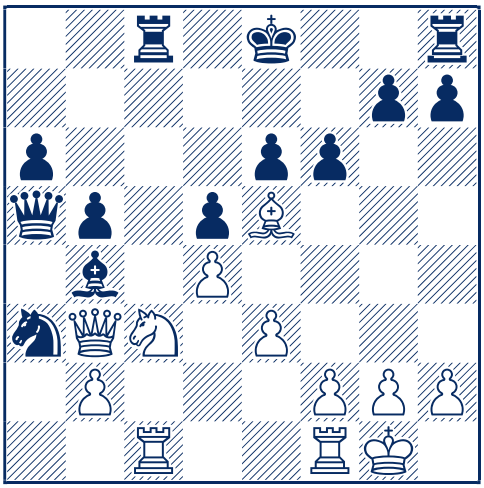
2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (4), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Qc2 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.Rd1 Qe7 11.Bd3 Re8 12.Be2 e4 13.Nd2 Nb6 14.b3 Nbd5 15.Bb2 Bf5 16.Nc4 Bc7 17.Rac1 Bg4 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Ne5 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Bd6 21.Rc2 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Rdc1 Rad8 24.Qh5 Bb8 25.Ba3 Re6 26.Qh3 Qe8 27.Qg4 Rg6 28.Qe2 Qe6 29.Kh1 Rh6 30.Kg1 Bxh2+ 31.Kf1 Bb8 32.Ke1 Bd6 33.Bxd6 Qxd6 34.Qd2 Rh1+ 35.Ke2 Qa6+ 0-1

Nguyen,Emily (1632) - Yu,Jennifer R (1881) [D10]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bf4 a6 7.e3 Bg4 8.Be2 e6 9.Qb3 Na5 10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 b5 13.Qd1 Bb4+ 14.Nc3 Rc8 15.Rc1 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nc4 17.Qb3 Qa5 18.a3 Nxa3 19.0-0 f6? (Better is 19…Bxc3 20.Bxg7 Rg8 21.Be5 Nc4 22.Rxc3 Kd7)



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20.bxa3 Bxc3 21.Bd6 Kf7 22.Rc2 Rc4 23.Bc5 Rc8 24.Rfc1 Bd2 25.Rd1 Rc3 26.Rxc3 Qxc3 27.Qb1 g6 28.Bb4 Qc2 29.Qxc2 Rxc2 30.Bxd2 Ke7 31.Bb4+ Kd7 32.Bc5 Kc6 33.Kf1 a5 34.Ke1 Rc4 35.Kd2 b4 36.axb4 axb4 37.Rc1 Kb5 38.Rxc4 dxc4 39.Kc2 Ka4 40.e4 Kb5 41.Bf8 f5 42.d5 exd5 43.exd5 b3+ 44.Kc3 Ka4 45.d6 1-0

Virkud,Apurva - Feng,Maggie (1805) [D20]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 c5 4.d5 Nf6 5.Nc3 b5 6.f3 a6 7.a4 b4 8.Nb1 e6 9.dxe6 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Bxe6 11.Nd2 Nc6 12.Nxc4 0-0-0+ 13.Ke1 Nd4 14.Ne3 Kb7 15.Ne2 Nb3 16.Rb1 Bd7 17.a5 Nxa5 18.Ng3 Nc6 19.Ra1 a5 20.Nc4 Ra8 21.Be3 Be6 22.Nd2 Bd6 23.Bc4 Be5 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Ra2 Bd4 26.Bxd4 Nxd4 27.Nc4 Nc6 28.Kf2 Ra6 29.Rha1 Rha8 30.Ra4 Nd7 31.Nd6+ Kc7 32.Nc4 Nb6 33.Nxb6 Kxb6 34.Nf1 c4 35.Ne3 Kb5 36.R4a2 Rd8 37.Rc1 Ne5 38.Rca1 a4 39.Ke2 Nd3 40.Rb1 b3 41.Ra3 Nb4 42.Rc1 Rc6 43.Rc3 Na2 0-1

Liu,Joanna (1857) - Xiang,Evan [D91]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-25

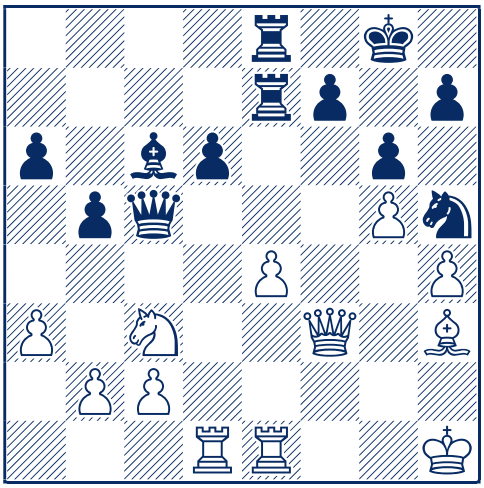
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.cxd5 Nxg5 7.Nxg5 e6 8.Nf3 exd5 9.e3 0-0 10.b4 c6 11.Be2 a5 12.b5 Bd7 13.0-0 cxb5 14.Nxb5 Nc6 15.a4 Nb4 16.Rc1 Bc6 17.Qb3 Qe7 18.Rc5 Rfd8 19.Rfc1 Bf8 20.Ne5 Qf6 21.R5c3 Rab8 22.h3 Qg7 23.Na7 f6 24.Nd3 Na6 25.Nxc6 bxc6 26.Qc2 Nb4 27.Nxb4 axb4 28.Rxc6 b3 29.Qb2 Qe7 30.Bb5 Qa3 31.Qxa3 Bxa3 32.Rb1 Rdc8 33.Rxc8+ Rxc8 34.Rxb3 Rc1+ 35.Kh2 Bd6+ 36.g3 Rc2 37.Kg2 Ra2 38.Rc3 Kf7 39.Rc6 Ke7 40.Rc8 h5 41.Bc6 Ra3 42.Ra8 Bb4 43.Bxd5 Be1 44.Kf3 g5 45.Ke2 Bb4 46.Bc4 Rc3 47.Bb5 Rc2+ 48.Kf1 Rc1+ 49.Ke2 Rc2+ 50.Kf1 Rc1+ 51.Kg2 Rc2 52.Ra7+ Kf8 53.Ra6 Ke7 54.Rc6 Ra2 55.Rc1 Ba3 56.Rb1 Bd6 57.d5 Be5 58.e4 Bd4 59.Rf1 Kd6 60.Bc6 Kc5 61.g4 h4 62.Rc1+ Kd6 63.Rf1 Kc5 64.Kf3 Ra3+ 65.Kg2 Ra2 66.Be8 Kd6 67.Kg1 Ke5 68.Bg6 Kf4 69.d6 Rxa4 70.d7 Ra8 71.Rc1 Rd8 72.Bf5 Kf3 73.Rc8 Bxf2+ 74.Kh2 Bb6 75.Rxd8 Bxd8 76.Bg6 Be7 77.Bf5 Bd8 78.Bg6 Bc7+ 79.Kg1 Kg3 80.Bf5 Kxh3 81.Kh1 Kg3 82.Be6 Kf4 83.Bf5 Bd8 84.Kg2 Be7 85.Kh3 Kf3 86.Kh2 Bd6+ 87.Kh3 Bc7 88.Bg6 Kf4 89.Bf5 Bd8 ½-½

Bykovtsev,Agata - Dong,Alice [B47]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Bd7 10.h3 Nf6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Be3

0-0 13.g4 Rfd8 14.g5 Ne8 15.Qg4 g6 16.Rad1 Bf8 17.Qg3 b5 18.a3 Qb7 19.Bd4 Bg7 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Qd3 Qe7 22.f4 Nh5 23.Qf3 e5 24.fxe5 Qxe5 25.Rf1 Rd7 26.h4 Re8 27.Bh3 Rde7 28.Rfe1 Qc5+ 29.Kh1?? (29.Qe3 keeps everything under control since 29…Bxe4 loses to 30.Qxc5 dxc5 31.Bd7 Rd8 32.Bc6 Rxd1 33.Nxd1 f5 34.gxf6 Nxf6 35.Bxc6 Rxe7)



Spot The Tactic #2 (black to move)

29…Qe5 30.Bg4 Ng3+ 31.Kg1 Nxe4 32.Nxe4 Bxe4 33.Qf2 Qxb2 34.Rxd6 Qxa3 35.Rf6 Qa2 36.h5 Qxc2 37.hxg6 Qxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Bxg6 39.Rxe7 Rxe7 40.Rxa6 Rb7 41.Bf3 Rb8 42.Bd1 b4 43.Bb3 Rb5 44.Ra4 Rf5+ 45.Ke3 Re5+ 46.Kf4 Re4+ 47.Kf3 Rd4 48.Ke2 Rg4 49.Kf3 Rh4 50.Kg3 Rd4 51.Ra8+ Kg7 52.Rb8 Rd3+ 0-1

Yip,Carissa (1610) - Wang,Annie [C07]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (5), 2016-06-25

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb3 Bd6 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0-0 15.Nxg7 Kxg7 16.Qd4 Bd6 17.Bh6+ Kxh6 18.Qxf6+ Kh5 19.g4+ 1-0

Xiang,Evan - Nguyen,Emily (1632) [D02]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Re1 Na5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Rxe4 Qd5 15.Qe2 Bf6 16.Ne5 Nc6 17.c4 Qd6 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Nd7 Qe7 20.Nxf8 Rxf8 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.b3 Nd4 23.Qe3 Nf5 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Qe1 h6 26.Re2 Qd4 27.Be5 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Kh7 29.Qe4 Qa1+ 30.Kh2 Qxa2 31.Qf3 Qb2 32.Re2 Qd4 33.Qe4 Qd6+ 34.Kg1 g6 35.Re1 Qd2 36.Qe2 Qc3 37.Qd1 Qb2 38.Re2 Qc3 39.Rd2 Kg7 40.Rd7 Qa5 41.Qb1 Qa3 42.Rd1 Qc5 43.Qa1+ Kh7 44.Qxa7 Kg7 45.Rd7 Nd6 46.Qc7 Qxc7 47.Rxc7 Ne4 48.Rc6 b5 49.cxb5 Kf6 50.b6 Ke7 51.b7 1-0

Dong,Alice - Feng,Maggie (1805) [C15]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-25

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nge2 dxe4 5.a3 Be7 6.Nxe4 Nd7 7.N2g3 Ngf6 8.Nxf6+ Nxf6 9.h3 0-0 10.Bd3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.c4 c5 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Rad8 17.Bc3 Qc6 18.f3 Qd6 19.Be4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Qd3 21.Qe1 Qxc4 22.Qg3 f6 23.Qc7 Bxe4 24.Qxe7 Bd5 25.Qxa7 Qf4 26.Qxc5 Rc8 27.Qf2 Rfd8 28.Rfc1 Rb8 29.b4 Rd7 30.a4 Rdb7 31.b5 Ra8 32.Bd2 Qd6 33.Rcb1 Qd7 34.Be3 Kh8 35.Rb4 Qd6 36.Qb2 Qg3 37.Rg4 Qc7 38.b6 Qd7 39.a5 Ra6 40.Qe2 Ra8 41.a6 Qd6 42.Rc1 Rf7 43.b7 Bxb7 44.axb7 Rxb7 45.Rd1 Qe7 46.Qd2 Rab8 47.Qd6 Qf7 48.Bf2 Rb6 49.Qd7 Qxd7 50.Rxd7 R6b7 51.Rgxg7 Rxd7 52.Rxd7 Rb1+ 53.Kh2 Rb2 54.Bd4 Rb8 55.Bxf6+ Kg8 56.Be5 Re8 57.Bf4 Kf8 58.Bxh6+ Kg8 59.Bf4 e5 60.Bg3 e4 61.fxe4 Rxe4 62.Bf2 Re2 63.Kg3 Ra2 64.Be3 Ra3 65.Kf3 Ra4 66.g4 Ra5 67.h4 Ra1 68.Kf4 Rf1+ 69.Kg5 Re1 70.Bf4 Re6 71.Kf5 Ra6 72.g5 Kf8 73.h5 Kg8 74.g6 Ra5+ 75.Be5 Ra6 76.Rd8# 1-0

Wang,Annie - Virkud,Apurva [D35]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.Rad1 Ng6 12.f3 Be6 13.h3 Rc8 14.e4 dxe4 15.fxe4 Qb6 16.Kh1 Rcd8 17.e5 Nd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxe7 Rxe7 20.Nc3 Qa5 21.a3 Qc7 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Qb6 24.Qc3 Red7 25.Qf3 Qxb2 26.e6 fxe6 27.Bxg6 hxg6 28.Qe4 Qb3 29.Qxg6 Qd5 30.Rf4 Rd6 31.Rh4 e5 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Rf1+ Rf6 34.Qh8+ Qg8 35.Rxf6+

gxf6 36.Qxf6+ Ke8 37.Qxe5+ Kd7 38.Qf5+ Kc7 39.Re4 Rd7 40.Qe5+ Kc8 41.Kh2 Qf7 42.Qe8+ Qxe8 43.Rxe8+ Kc7 44.Re4 b6 45.h4 a5 1-0

Yu,Jennifer R (1881) - Yip,Carissa (1610) [A10]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-25

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Nf3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 Nc6 9.b3 Nxd4 10.Bb2 c6 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Qc2 Bg7 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.a4 a5 15.Ba3 Re8 16.Rd2 Be6 17.Rfd1 Rad8 18.Nb5 Rxd2 19.Rxd2 Qe5 20.Nd4 Bd5 21.e4 Be6 22.f4 Qc7 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.e5 Rd8 25.Bc5 Nd5 26.Qd3 Kf7 27.Bf2 1-0

Bykovtsev,Agata - Liu,Joanna (1857) [B90]

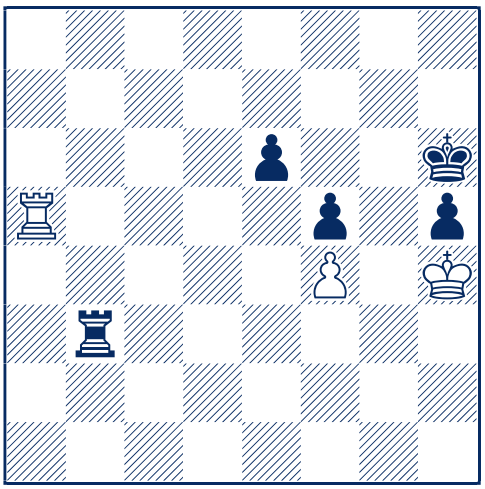
2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (6), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 b5 8.Bb3 Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.Qg3 0-0 11.Bh6 Ne8 12.Rad1 Kh8 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.Qxg5 Nc6 15.Nce2 Bb7 16.Qh4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 d5 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.c3 Nf6 21.Nf5 Qe5 22.Ne3 Rad8 23.Rd4 a5 24.Rfd1 Qe6 25.Qg5 h6 26.Qf4 Rd7 27.Qf3 Rfd8 28.h3 Qd6 29.Nf5 Qe6 30.Qd3 Ne4 31.Ne3 Qf6 32.f3 Nc5 33.Qxb5 Qe5 34.Ng4 Qc7 35.b4 Ne6 36.Rxd5 Rxd5 37.Rxd5 Rxd5 38.Qxd5 Qxc3 39.Qa8+ Kh7 40.Qxa5 Qc1+ 41.Kf2 Qd2+ 42.Kg1 Qc1+ 43.Kh2 Qf4+ 44.g3 Qxf3 45.Qb5 Nd4 46.Qc4 Nf5 47.Qf4 Qd5 48.Nf2 Nd6 49.a4 Qe6 50.b5 Nb7 51.Qe4+ Qxe4 52.Nxe4 Kg6 53.b6 Kf5 54.Nc3 Ke6 55.Nb5 Kd5 56.Nc7+ Kc6 57.Na8 Kc5 58.Kg2 Kb4 59.Kf3 Kxa4 60.Nc7 Ka5 61.Kf4 Kxb6 62.Ne8 g6 63.Ke5 Kc6 64.Kf6 Nc5 65.Kxf7 Ne4 66.Kxg6 Nxg3 67.Kxh6 Kd7 68.Nf6+ Ke7 69.Ng4 Kf7 70.Kg5 Ne4+ 71.Kf5 Ng3+ 72.Kf4 Nh5+ 73.Kg5 Ng3 74.Ne5+ Kg7 75.Kg4 Ne4 76.h4 Kh7 77.Kf5 Ng3+ 78.Kf6 Kh6 79.Nf3 Kh5 80.Ke5 Nh1 81.Kf4 Nf2 82.Ke3 Ng4+ 83.Kf4 Nf6 84.Kf5 Ng8 85.Kf4 Ne7 86.Ke5 Ng6+ 87.Kf5 ½-½

Liu,Joanna (1857) - Dong,Alice [E15]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bc3 0-0 8.Bg2 c6 9.0-0 d5 10.Ne5 Nfd7 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nf6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Qg4 g6 17.Rad1 Qe7 18.h4 h5 19.Qf4 Bg7 20.Ba1 Bb7 21.Rd3 Rcd8 22.Rfd1 c5 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Qe3 cxd4 25.Bxd4 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Qxd4 Qf3 28.Rd3 Qe2 29.a4 Qe1+ 30.Kg2 Qe2 31.b4 Qa2 32.Qd7 Qxc4 33.Rd4 Qc3 34.Rf4 a5 35.bxa5 bxa5 36.Qb7 Qc5 37.Qb5 Qxb5 38.axb5 Rb8 39.b6 Rxb6 40.Ra4 Ra6 41.Kf3 Kg7 42.g4 hxg4+ 43.Kxg4 Kh6 44.f4 Rb6 45.Rxa5 Rb3 46.h5 f5+ 47.Kh4 gxh5



Spot The Tactic #3 (white to move)

48.Ra8 Rf3 49.Ra4 Re3 50.Rc4 Re4 51.Rc6 Rxf4+ 52.Kg3 Re4 53.Kf3 Kg5 54.Kg3 h4+ 55.Kg2 Re3 56.Rc8 Kf4 57.Rh8 h3+ 58.Kh2 Ra3 0-1

Yip,Carissa (1610) - Xiang,Evan [B01]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-25

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf3 exd4 7.Nxd4 g6 8.Be3 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 c6 11.Qd2 N8d7 12.Rfd1 Ne5 13.b3 Qe7 14.Rac1 Ng4 1-0

Nguyen,Emily (1632) - Bykovtsev,Agata [A45]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Qa5+ 5.c3 Nf6 6.d5 d6 7.e4 Nbd7 8.Na3 g6 9.Nc4 Qc7 10.a4 Bg7 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Ne2 Nh5 13.Be3 e5 14.0-0 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 e4 17.Bc2 Ndf6 18.Kh1 Ng4 19.Bg1 Qe7 20.Ne3 Nhf6 21.Ng3 Nxe3 22.Bxe3 Ng4 23.Bg1 Qh4 24.Qe1 Rf6 25.Nxe4 Qh5 26.Nxf6+ Bxf6 27.Qe2 Bd7 28.Rae1 Bh4 29.Rd1 Re8 30.Qf3 Qh6 31.Rd2 Kh8 32.Re2 Rg8 33.b4 Nxh2 34.Bxh2 Bg3 35.Qxg3 Rxg3 36.Kg1 Rxc3 37.bxc5 dxc5 38.Bd1 c4 39.Re7 Qd6 40.Rfe1 Rc1 41.R7e5 Qc5+ 42.Kh1 Qd4 43.Bg1 Qxf4 44.Bc5 c3 45.Re7 Rxd1 46.Rxd1 Qh4+ 47.Kg1 c2 48.Rde1 Qc4 49.Ba3 Bxa4 50.Bb2+ Kg8 51.Rg7+ Kf8 52.Rxb7 Bb5 53.Rbe7 a5 54.Bc1 Qc5+ 55.R7e3 f4 56.Kh2 fxe3 57.Bxe3 Qd6+ 0-1

Virkud,Apurva - Yu,Jennifer R (1881) [D10]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.a3 Bf5 10.b4 a6 11.Na4 Ne4 12.Bb2 b5 13.Nc5 Nxc5 14.bxc5 Rc8 15.Bc3 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.a4 Rb8 18.axb5 axb5 19.Ba5 Nxa5 20.Rxa5 b4 21.Rfa1 b3 22.Qb2 h6 23.Bb5 Bc2 24.Ne1 Qxc5 25.Bd3 Qb4 26.Bxc2 bxc2 27.Qxc2 Rdc8 28.Qd1 e6 29.Nf3 Rc7 30.h3 Rbc8 31.Ra8 Kh7 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Rb1 Qa3 34.Ne1 Qa2 35.Nd3 Bf8 36.Rb7 Kg8 37.Ne5 Bg7 38.Nxf7 Rc2 39.Qf3 Qa8 40.Nxh6+ Kh7 41.Qf7 1-0

Feng,Maggie (1805) - Wang,Annie [A05]

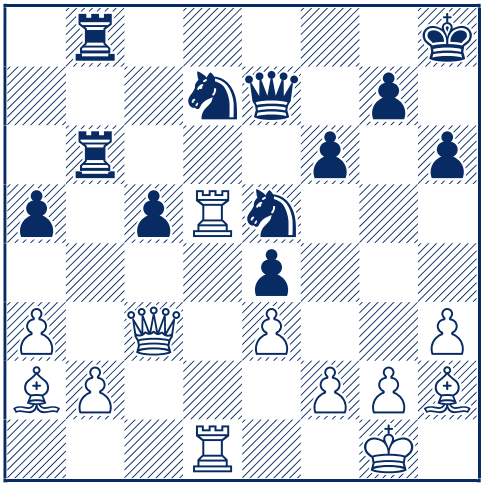
2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (7), 2016-06-25

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.0-0 Be7 5.d4 0-0 6.c4 dxc4 7.Ne5 Nc6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Nxc6 Qe8 10.Nxe7+ Qxe7 11.Qa4 e5 12.dxe5 Qxe5 13.Qxc4 Be6 14.Qd3 Rad8 15.Qe3 Qh5 16.f3 Rfe8 17.Qg5 Bc4 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Nc3 Bxe2 20.Rf2 Ba6 21.Bd2 Rd3 22.Re1 Kf8 23.Ne4 Bb5 24.Bb4+ Kg8 25.Rc1 f5 26.Nc5 Rde3 27.Nb3 Nf6 28.Nd4 Bd3 29.Bd2 R3e7 30.Rc3 Bb1 31.Ra3 c5 32.Nc6 Rc7 33.Nxa7 Ra8 34.Nb5 Rxa3 35.Nxa3 Bxa2 36.Bc3 Nd5 37.Be5 Ra7 38.Rd2 Kf7 39.Kf2 Ke6 40.f4 Bb3 41.Rd3 c4 42.Rd4 Nb4 43.Nxc4 Bxc4 44.Rxc4 Nd3+ 45.Ke3 Nxe5 46.fxe5 Kxe5 47.b4 Rb7 48.Kd3 Rb5 49.Kc3 Kd6 50.Kd4 Rd5+ 51.Kc3 Rb5 52.Rd4+ Kc6 53.Kc4 Re5 54.Rd3 Re4+ 55.Kb3 g6 56.Ka4 Re5 57.Rc3+ Kb6 58.Rd3 Kc6 59.Rd8 Re7 60.b5+ Kb6 61.Rd6+ Kb7 62.Ka5 g5 63.Rd5 Rf7 64.b6 f4 65.gxf4 gxf4 66.Rd2 Rf5+ 67.Kb4 Kxb6 68.Kc4 Kc6 69.Rf2 ½-½

Xiang,Evan - Virkud,Apurva [D02]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.h3 0-0 6.c4 c5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Be2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.a3 a5 15.Nb5 e5 16.Bh2 h6 17.Nd2 e4 18.Nb3 Ne5 19.Nxc5 bxc5 20.Qc2 Ba6 21.Be2 Bxb5 22.Bxb5 Rab8 23.Be2 Rdc8 24.Qc3 Nfd7 25.Rd5 f6 26.Rad1 Rb6 27.Bc4 Kh8 28.Ba2 Rcb8



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29.Rxd7 Nxd7 30.Bxb8 Rxb8 31.Qxa5 Ne5 32.Qc3 Nd3 33.Rd2 f5 34.Bc4 Ne5 35.Be2 Re8 36.Rd5 Qf6 37.Qxc5 Rf8 1-0

Dong,Alice - Wang,Annie [C14]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-25

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 a6 8.Nf3 c5 9.dxc5 Nc6 10.Bd3 Nxc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.Bd3 f5 14.Ng5 g6 15.Qe1 Kg7 16.Qg3 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Rad1 Rh8 19.Rd6 Rh5 20.Rfd1 Nxe5 21.Nxe6+ Bxe6 22.fxe5 Rah8 23.Nd5 Qf7 24.Nf4 Bc8 25.Rxg6+ 1-0

Yu,Jennifer R (1881) - Feng,Maggie (1805) [A27]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-25

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.Nd5 e4 5.Nd4 Nxd4 6.Nxb4 Qe7 7.Nd5 Qd8 8.g3 c6 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Bg2 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.0-0 0-0 13.d3 Bf5 14.Bg5 exd3 15.exd3 Be6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nxd5 Qd8 18.Ne3 Qd7 19.f4 Rfe8 20.Re1 Rad8 21.Nc4 Bxc4 22.dxc4 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Nc2 24.Qf1 Nxa1 25.Qxa1 Qd4+ 26.Kh1 Qxc4 27.Bxb7 Qe2 0-1

Liu,Joanna (1857) - Nguyen,Emily (1632) [D10]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-25

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4 e6 7.e3 a6 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.a3 Na5 13.b4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Na4 b5 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Nb6 Qb7 18.Nxc8 Rxc8 19.Be5 Nd7 20.Bg3 Nf6 21.Bh4 Nd5 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.e4 Nf4 24.Rc3 h6 25.Qg4 Nd3 26.Qg3 Rd8 27.Rxd3 cxd3 28.Qxd3 Qa7 29.Rd1 Qb6 30.h3 a5 31.bxa5 Qxa5 32.Rb1 Ra8 33.Rxb5 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 Qxf2 35.d5 Qf4+ 36.Kg1 Qc1+ 37.Kh2 Rxa3 38.Qf3 Rxf3 39.gxf3 Qd2+ 40.Kg3 Qe1+ 41.Kg4 Qg1+ 42.Kf4 Qh2+ 43.Ke3 exd5 44.Rxd5 Qxh3 45.Kf4 Qh4+ 46.Ke3 Qe1+ 47.Kf4 Qh4+ 48.Ke3 h5 49.Rf5 g6 50.Rd5 Qg3 51.Rd3 h4 52.Rd8+ Kg7 53.Rd1 h3 54.Kd4 0-1

Bykovtsev,Agata - Yip,Carissa (1610) [B57]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (8), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Bb3 Bd7 10.Bg5 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc6 12.Qd3 Nd7 13.Rad1 Nc5 14.Qf3 Nxb3 15.axb3 Qc7 16.Rd3 Rae8 17.Red1 f5 18.Qe3 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Qxc2 21.Qe6+ Kh8 22.Be3 Qxb2 23.Bxa7 Qe5 24.Qd7 Ra8 25.Qxb7 Qe2 26.h3 Be5 27.R3d2 Qh5 28.Qxe7 Bf6 29.Qxd6 Be5 30.Bd4 Rae8 31.Bxe5+ Qxe5 32.Qxe5+ Rxe5 33.b4 Rb8 34.Rd8+ Rxd8 35.Rxd8+ Kg7 36.Rd1 Rb5 37.Rb1 Kf6 38.Kf1 Ke5 39.Ke2 Ke4 40.Rb3 g5 41.Re3+ Kf4 42.Rf3+ Ke4 43.Re3+ Kf4 44.Kd3 Rxb4 45.Rf3+ Ke5 46.Rf7 h5 47.Rh7 h4 48.Rg7 Kf4 49.Rf7+ Ke5 50.Ke3 Rb3+ 51.Ke2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 Rb4 53.Rc7 Rf4+ 54.Ke3 Ra4 55.Rc5+ Kf6 56.Rd5 g4 57.hxg4 Rxg4 58.Kf3 Rg7 59.Rh5 h3 60.Rxh3 Rg5 61.g4 Kg6 62.Kf4 Ra5 63.Re3 Ra4+ 64.Re4 Ra2 65.f3 Ra5 66.Rd4 Rb5 67.Rd6+ Kg7 68.g5 Rb4+ 69.Kf5 Rb5+ 70.Kg4 Rc5 71.f4 Kf7 72.g6+ Kg7 73.f5 Rc1 74.Rd7+ Kg8 75.Kg5 Rg1+ 76.Kf6 1-0

Nguyen,Emily (1632) - Dong,Alice [A45]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e4 Be7 4.e5 Nd5 5.Bxe7 Qxe7 6.c4 Nb6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Nf3 N8d7 9.Bd3 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qg5 12.0-0 Qxe5 13.Re1 Qf6 14.c5 Nd7 15.Bb5 Qe7 16.c6 bxc6 17.Bxc6 Rb8 18.Nb5 0-0 19.Nxa7 Nc5 20.Nxc8 Rfxc8 21.Qc2 Rb6 22.Bf3 Nb7 23.a3 Nd6 24.b4 Qf6 25.Rac1 Nf5 26.Qc5 Rbb8 27.b5 h6 28.Be4 Nd6 29.Bc6 Nf5 30.Bd7 Rd8 31.Bc6 Nd4 32.Qc4 Qg5 33.Rcd1 e5 34.a4 Rd6 35.g3 Rbd8 36.Bg2 Qh5 37.Rc1 Qg5 38.Rc3 Qd2 39.Rcc1 Qa5 40.Rxe5 c6 41.Re7 Rf6 42.bxc6 Qd2 43.Rf1 Nxc6 44.Bxc6 Rd4 45.Qc1 Qb4 46.Bb5 Rd2 47.Re3 Rb2 48.Bd3 g6 49.Qc8+ Kg7 50.Qc4 Qd2 51.Re2 Qb4 52.Rxb2 Qxb2 53.a5 1-0

Yip,Carissa (1610) - Liu,Joanna (1857) [B99]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.g4 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.h4 Qb6 13.Nb3 Be7 14.g5 Nc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Bh3 Bd7 17.Rhg1 0-0-0 18.f5 hxg5 19.hxg5 Kb8 20.g6 exf5 21.exf5 fxg6 22.Nd5 Bf6 23.Nxf6 gxf6 24.Rxg6 Rxh3 25.Qxh3 Bxf5 26.Qg2 Bxg6 27.Qxg6 f5 28.Qf6 Rd7 29.Qe6 Rd8 30.Qe7 Qc7 31.Qf6 Qd7 32.Rf1 Re8 33.Qxf5 Qe7 34.Qd3 Qe6 35.Kb1 Qe1+ 36.Qd1 Qxd1+ 37.Rxd1 Kc7 38.c4 Kc6 39.Kc2 Re3 40.Rd3 Rxd3 41.Kxd3 d5 42.Kd4 dxc4 43.Kxc4 Kb6 44.b4 Kc6 45.Kd4 Kb5 46.Kc3 Ka4 47.Kc4 b6 48.b5 axb5+ 49.Kd3 Ka3 50.Kc3 b4+ 51.Kc4 b5+ 52.Kxb5 Kxa2 53.Kxb4 ½-½

Virkud,Apurva - Bykovtsev,Agata [E80]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-25

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 c6 7.Qd2 Qa5 8.Rb1 b5 9.b4 Qc7 10.cxb5 axb5 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.Nge2 Nb6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rfc1 Qb8 15.Kh1 Be6 16.d5 cxd5 17.Bxb5 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 Rxa2 20.Qd3 Nd7 21.Bxd7 Bxd7 22.b5 Be6 23.b6 Re8 24.Nf4 Bd7 25.Nd5 e6 26.Nf4 Bc8 27.Ne2 Bb7 28.Nd4 Qa8 29.Nf3 Bxe4 30.Qf1 Bxb1 31.Rxb1 Ra1 32.b7 Rxb1 33.Qxb1 Qb8 34.Nd4 Bxd4 35.Bxd4 Re7 36.Qf1 Qxb7 37.h3 e5 38.Be3 f5 39.Bg5 Rc7 40.Qe2 Qb1+ 41.Kh2 Qc2 42.Qa6 Qc6 43.Qa2+ d5 44.Qe2 e4 45.Qe3 Qc5 46.Qf4 d4 47.Bh6 Rc8 48.Bg5 Qc7 0-1

Feng,Maggie (1805) - Xiang,Evan [A05]

2016 US Girls Blitz, Manchester, NH (9), 2016-06-25

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.0-0 e6 5.d3 h6 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qb3 b6 10.Nd4 Nc5 11.Qd1 Rc8 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Bd4 Ne6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qb3 d4 17.Nd5 0-0 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.Rac1 Nc5 20.Qa3 a5 21.b4 axb4 22.Qxb4 Rfe8 23.Rfe1 Rb8 24.a4 Qg5 25.Qxd4 Nb3 26.Qb2 Nxc1 27.Rxc1 b5 28.a5 Qf6 29.Qxf6 gxf6 30.a6 Rec8 31.Ra1 b4 32.a7 Ra8 33.Bxa8 Rxa8 34.Kf1 b3 35.Ke1 b2 36.Rb1 Rxa7 37.Rxb2 Ra1+ 38.Kd2 Rf1 39.Ke3 Kg7 40.h4 Kg6 41.Kf3 Rc1 42.Rd2 Rc5 43.d4 Rd5 44.e3 Ra5 45.d5 Ra7 46.d6 Rd7 47.Kf4 h5 48.Rd5 Kg7 49.Kxf5 Kf8 50.Kxf6 Ra7 51.d7 Ra6+ 52.Kf5 1-0

New Hampshire Open

Nashua – July 23 - 24, 2016

The 66th New Hampshire Open drew 70 players to the Nashua Radisson on July 23-24, 2016. In the Championship section, the top seeds cruised to a shared first place. IMs David Vigorito and Joe Fang each scored 3.5-0.5. As the top scoring NH player, Fang won yet another NH Champion title. Joe Fang has won the title more times than any other NH player in history, by a wide margin.

In the Under 1950 section, three players tied for first with 3.5-0.5 scores: Coby O'Young of Nashua, James Asaro of Burlington, VT and Derek Zhao of Westford, MA. In the Under 1650 section, Vittal Ranganath of Andover, MA - at 1217 the lowest rated player in the section - took clear first with a 4-0 score. In the Under 1350 section, Aarish Patell of Malden, MA was clear first with a 4-0 score.

Hal Terrie directed the tournament for the NHCA.

Shevelev,Daniel (2010) - IM Fang,Joe (2354) [C91]

NH Open (1), 2016-07-23

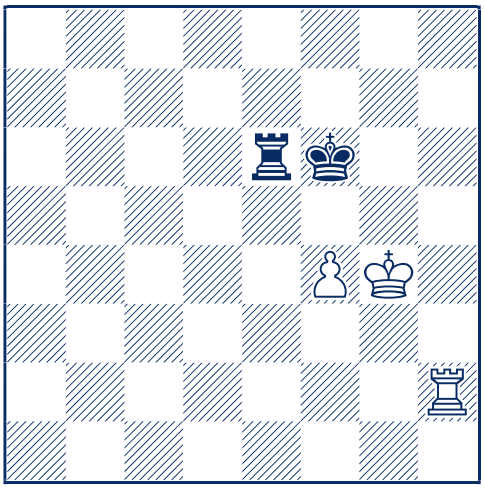
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bc2 Nc4 13.Bc1 c5 14.b3 Nb6 15.Bb2 Rc8 16.Nbd2 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Nfd7 18.h3 Bh5 19.Rc1 Bf6 20.g4 Bg6 21.Nf1 Re8 22.Ng3 Ne5 23.Nxe5 Bxe5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.f4 Qh4 26.Kh2 Rec5 27.f5 Rc3 28.Rg1 Nd7 29.Qxd6 Nf6 30.Qf4 Bh5 31.Rg2 Bxg4 32.Kg1 Qxh3 33.Nf1 Bf3 34.Rh2 Qg4+ 0-1

Belanoff,Ted (2214) - Kelly,Joseph (1984) [B40]

NH Open (1), 2016-07-23

Annotated by NM Hal Terrie

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 d5 6.Qe2 d4 7.Nb1 d3 8.cxd3 Nb4 9.Na3 Qxd3 10.Qxd3 Nxd3+ 11.Ke2 Nxc1+ 12.Raxc1 Nxe4 13.Nb5 Rb8 14.Nxa7 Bd7 15.Ne5 Nf6 16.Nxd7 Kxd7 17.Nb5 Be7 18.d4 Rhc8 19.dxc5 Rxc5 20.Rhd1+ Ke8 21.Rxc5 Bxc5 22.Nd6+ Bxd6 23.Rxd6 b5 24.Ra6 Nd5 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Rd6 Rc8 27.Rxd5 Rc2+ 28.Rd2 Rc5 29.Kd1 g5 30.Rd4 Ke7 31.Kd2 f5 32.b4 Re5 33.f4 gxf4 34.gxf4 Re6 35.Rd5 Ra6 36.Rxf5 Rxa2+ 37.Ke3 Rxh2 38.Rxb5 38…h5 39.Ke4 Rb2 40.Kf5 h4 41.Kg4 Rf2 42.Rh5 Rb2 43.b5 Rb1 44.Re5+ Kf6 45.Rf5+ Ke6 46.Rh5 Kf7 47.Rh7+ Ke8 48.Rh5 h3 49.Re5+ Kd7 50.Re2 Rb3 51.b6 Rxb6 52.Kxh3 Re6 53.Rd2+ Ke7 54.Kg4 Kf6 55.Rh2



(black to move)

55…Re1?!

It pays to know your endings! This move might not lose but it's not the best. 55...Kf7 56.Rh7+ Kg6 57.Ra7 Rb6 with a standard Philidor position setup, known to be drawn.

56.Rh6+ Kg7 57.Ra6 Rb1 58.Kg5 Rb5+ 59.f5 Rb1 60.Ra7+ Kf8 61.Kg6 Rg1+ 62.Kf6 Ke8?

Going the other way keeps hope alive: 62...Kg8 63.Ra8+ Kh7 64.Kf7 Rg7+ 65.Ke6 Rb7

63.Ra8+

Now Black is lost.

63...Kd7 64.Kf7 Rg2 65.Ra3 Kd6 66.Rf3 Rg1 67.Rf2 Rg3 68.f6 Ra3 69.Kf8 Ke6 70.f7 Rh3 71.Ke8 Ra3 1-0

Gouveia,Russ (1923) - Elmore,John (2090) [B12]
NH Open (1), 2016-07-23
Annotated by John Elmore

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.c3 e6 5.Be3 Nd7 6.Nf3 c5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Be2?!

This is too cooperative. Having played Be3 with the idea of discouraging black's c5 break, white should have captured on c5 and forced black to demonstrate a road to equality.

8...Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.h3 h6 11.Nh2

The computer favors queenside moves like Qb3 and dxc5 over the text, but white envisions kingside play with a pawn storm (g4 and f4-f5). Given that white's central pawns point to the kingside, the idea is hard to ridicule.

11...Qb6 12.Qb3 0-0?

[Fritz 6: 12...cxd4 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.cxd4 Na4 15.Nhf3 Nxb2 16.Rfc1 Rc8 17.Rc3 -0.75/13]

13.g4 Bh7 14.f4 Qxb3?!

[Fritz 6: 14...cxd4 15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.cxd4 Nb4 17.Rac1 Rfc8 18.Rxc8+ Rxc8 -0.63/12]

15.Nxb3 c4 16.Nd2 b5 17.f5

During the post mortem, we speculated that this pawn thrust was played too soon, leaving white with pawns that were beyond his ability to defend. However, the computer likes the move. White's error comes later.

17...exf5 18.gxf5 Bg5 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.Bg4 f6 21.e6?!

This appears to be the more material-conscious choice, but it is second best. Rae1, with the idea of pushing f6 after fxe5, seems to be the best way for white to penetrate black's defenses. [Fritz 6: 21.Rae1 fxe5 22.f6 Rad8 23.Be6+ Kh8 24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.dxe5 gxf6 0.59/13]

21...Nb6 22.Nhf3 Ne7 23.Ne1 g6 24.fxg6 Bxg6 25.Ng2

[Fritz 6: 25.Rf2 Na4 26.Nf1 Rab8 27.Ne3 b4 28.cxb4 Rxb4 29.b3 f5 -0.41/12]

25...Na4 26.Ne3 f5?!

While I thought the text was adequate, the computer finds a win with Nxb2. [Fritz 6: 26...Nxb2 27.Bf5 Kg7 28.Rab1 Na4 29.Bxg6 Kxg6 30.Nd1 a6 31.Kf2 -1.09/12]

27.Bf3 Rad8 28.Nd1 Rf6 29.b3 Nb6 30.a4 bxa4 31.bxc4 dxc4 32.Nb2 Rxe6 33.Nxa4 Re3 34.Nxb6 axb6 35.Nxc4?

[Fritz 6: 35.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 36.Rxe1 Nd5 37.Bxd5+ Rxd5 38.Nxc4 b5 39.Re5 Rxe5 0.06/11]

35...Rxc3 36.Nxb6 Rxd4 37.Ra7 Re3 38.Ra5

White had some minor time pressure and likely was at a loss as to how to best defend. I did not understand Ra5 when it was played, nor do I find it particularly good now. Neither does the computer.

38...Kg7 39.Bg2 Rd2?

Why permit Nc4? I actually wonder if this is an error on my scoresheet.

40.Rf2?

Assuming my scoresheet is correct, obviously this must be a mistake. However, I am not convinced I permitted the knight fork.

40...Re1+ 41.Bf1 Rdd1

In any event, the position in the game has now been reached with both rooks on the white's 1st rank.

42.Nc4 Nc6 43.Rc5 Nd4 44.Re5 Kf6

44...Rxf1+ 45.Rxf1 Nf3+ 46.Kg2 Rxf1 47.Kxf1 Nxe5 48.Nxe5 Kf6 49.Nf3 looked like an ending white may be able to hold, so I avoided it.

45.Rxe1 Rxe1 46.Nd2 Be8 47.Nf3??

This is the final error. The king and pawn ending is lost for white, so allowing the pieces to be traded was a big mistake.

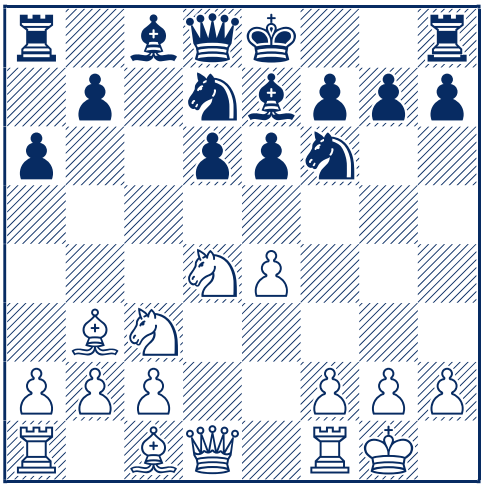
[Fritz 6: 47.Kh2 Bc6 48.Bg2 Bxg2 49.Kxg2 Ne6 50.Nf3 Nf4+ 51.Kg3 Re3 -1.84/14]

47...Nxf3+ 48.Rxf3 Bb5 49.Rf2 Rxf1+ 50.Rxf1 Bxf1 51.Kxf1 Ke5 52.Ke1 Ke4 53.Ke2 f4 54.Kf2 f3 55.Kf1 Ke3 56.Ke1 f2+ 57.Kf1 Kf3 0-1

Eldridge,Larry - Tu,Lawrence [B86]

NH Open, U1950 (1), 2016-07-23

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Be7 8.0-0 Nbd7



(white to move)

9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Nxe6 Qa5 11.Nxg7+ Kf7 12.Nf5 Nc5 13.Nxe7 Kxe7 14.Bg5 Rf8 15.b4 Qd8 16.Nd5+ Ke6 17.bxc5 dxc5 18.e5 Qxd5 19.Bxf6 Qxd1 20.Rfxd1 Rg8 21.Rd6+ Kf7 22.Rb1 b5 23.Rb3 Be6 24.Ra3 a5 25.Rc3 Rac8 26.a3 Bf5 27.Rb3 Rb8 28.Rc6 Bxc2 29.Rc7+ Kf8 30.Rf3 Be4 31.Bg7+ Ke8 32.Rff7 b4 33.Rce7+ Kd8 34.Rd7+ Kc8 35.Rc7+ Kd8 36.Bf6+ Ke8 37.Rce7+ Kd8 38.Rb7+ Ke8 39.Rfe7+ Kf8 40.Rxb8# 1-0

Ward,Alfred (1800) - Commisso,Michael (1639) [A06]

NH Open, U1950 (1), 2016-07-23

1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.Nbd2 g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.Rb1 h6 9.Be3 Ng4 10.0-0 e5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Nb3 b6 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.h3 e4 15.hxg4 exf3 16.Bxf3 Ne5 17.Bg2 Nxg4 18.Bc3 Rc8 19.Bh3 Qg5 20.Bd2 Qh5 21.Bxg4 Qxg4 22.e3 Qh3 23.Qf3 Ba6 24.Nc1 Rc2 25.Rd1 Rxb2 26.Rxb2 Bxb2 27.d4 Rc8 28.Qxd5 Rc2 29.Nb3 Qg4 30.Re1 Bc4 31.Qd8+ Kg7 32.Bb4 Qf5 33.f4 Qh3 34.Qf8+ Kh7 35.Bd2 Qxg3+ 36.Kh1 Rxd2 37.Nxd2 Qxe1+ 0-1

Kelley,Nathan (1724) - O'Neil,Brian (1509) [B66]

NH Open, U1950 (1), 2016-07-23

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.f4 Nc6 9.Qd2 Qc7 10.0-0-0 e5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nxe7 Kxe7 15.fxe5 fxe5 16.Qg5+ Kd7 17.Rxd6+ Kxd6 18.Rd1+ Kc7 19.Qxe5+ Kb7 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Qe7+ Rd7 22.Qb4+ Ka7 23.Bg4 Rb7 24.Qc5+ Rb6 25.Bxc8 Rxc8 26.a4 Kb7 27.Qf5 Rc7 28.Qxh7 Ka7 29.e5 Rbb7 30.Qe4 Re7 31.Qd4+ Ka8 32.h4 Rbd7 33.Qc5 f6 34.Qxc6+ Kb8 35.Qxf6 Rf7 36.Qb6+ Kc8 37.Qxa6+ Kd8 38.e6 1-0

Harris,Ed (1855) - Tu,Lewis (1668) [A00]

NH Open, U1950 (1), 2016-07-23

1.a3 e5 2.e3 d5 3.d4 Nc6 4.Nf3 e4 5.Nfd2 Nf6 6.c4 Be6 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.b4 c6 9.Bb2 Ng6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Qa4 Ne7 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Qxd7+ Nxd7 15.Nb5 Rc8 16.Nd6+ Kd8 17.Nxc8 Kxc8 18.Rc1+ Kb8 19.Ke2 Ng6 20.Rc2 f5 21.Rhc1 Bd6 22.g3 h5 23.h4 f4 24.exf4 Bxf4 25.gxf4 Nxf4+ 26.Ke3 Ng2+

27.Ke2 Nf4+ 28.Kf1 g5 29.hxg5 h4 30.g6 Nf6 31.Nxe4 dxe4 32.d5 N4xd5 33.g7 Rg8 34.Be5+ 1-0

Govindaraju,Abhinav (1581) - Strachan,Eric (1313) [B23]

NH Open, U1650 (1), 2016-07-23

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.f4 d6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 Bg4 7.Bxf7+ Kd7 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nf6 10.Bd5 Rf8 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.d3 Nh5 13.g4 Bd4+ 14.Be3 Rxf4 15.Qg2 Bxe3+ 16.Kh1 Rxf1+ 17.Rxf1 Ng7 18.g5 Qg8 19.h4 Bd4 20.Ra1 Rf8 21.Na4 Rf4 22.Qg3 Be5 23.Qe1 Qe6 24.Qa5 Qh3+ 25.Kg1 Bd4# 0-1

Patil,Shravani (1004) - Tappen,Eugene (1230) [E91]

NH Open, U1350 (1), 2016-07-24

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Bg4 7.Ng5 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 c6 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Bf4 c5 12.d5 Nb6 13.Rac1 e6 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Rfd1 Ne8 16.Nb5 Rxf4 17.Nxa7 Ra8 18.Nb5 Rxa2 19.Rc2 Na4 20.b3 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Nb6 22.Qd3 Nc8 23.e5 d5 24.cxd5 exd5 25.Qxd5+ Qxd5 26.Rxd5 Rb4 27.Rd8 Rxb3 28.h3 Kf8 29.Nc7 Ne7 30.Rxe8+ Kf7 31.Ng5# 1-0

IM Fang,Joe (2354) - French,Al (1927) [A40]

NH Open (2), 2016-07-23

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.a3 Bb7 4.Nc3 f5 5.Nf3 d6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d5 e5 10.Ng5 Bc8 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Ncxe4 fxe4 13.Nxh7 Bf5 14.Nxf8 Bxf8 15.Qe2 Nd7 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Nc5 18.Qc2 Qe8 19.b4 Nd7 20.Bb2 Qh5 21.Rae1 Nf6 22.f4 Nh7 23.fxe5 Be7 24.Qf5 1-0

Elmore,John (2090) - Vigorito,David (2440) [B56]

NH Open (2), 2016-07-23

Annotated by John Elmore

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3

This seems playable, but it does not appear to be best.

[Fritz 6: 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nb3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 e6 10.Be3 Qc7 0.53/13; 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.0-0 g6 8.Be3 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.Qd2 Nxd4 0.44/13; 6.Bg5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Rb8 9.Rb1 Qa5 10.Qd2 h6 0.38/13; 6.Be2 e5 7.Nf3 Be6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 0.38/13]

6...Ng4 7.Qd2?!

Black has already overcome the disadvantage of moving second after this move. [Fritz 6: 7.Bb5 Nxe3 8.Nxc6 Nxd1 9.Nxd8+ Kxd8 10.Rxd1 a6 11.Be2 b5 0.28/12]

7...Nxe3 8.Qxe3 g6

[Fritz 6: 8...a6 9.Rd1 e6 10.Nf3 b5 11.a3 Qa5 0.09/12]

9.0-0-0

[Fritz 6: 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.e5 dxe5 12.Qxe5 f6 13.Qe3 e5 0.19/12]

9...Bg7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Kb1 Be6 12.Nd5 Rc8 13.Bc4?!

[Fritz 6: 13.c3 Qa5 14.h4 h5 15.Bd3 Bg4 16.Qg5 Rfe8 17.Ne3 Qxg5 -0.09/11]

13...Bg4 14.Bb3 b5 15.c3

Too late!

15...a5 16.h3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 a4

I thought e6 was winning here - and it is - but this is even better.

18.Bc2 e6 19.Nb4 Nxb4 20.cxb4 Qf6 21.Qa3

Sadly this is best.

21...Rc6 22.Rd2 Rfc8 23.Bd3?

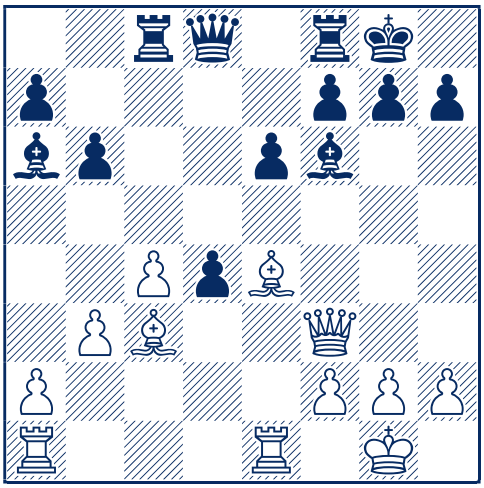
23.Rhd1, while still losing, would have provided stiffer resistance.

23...Qxf3 24.Rhd1 Bh6 25.Bxb5 Qxd1+!! 0-1

Commisso,Michael (1652) - Harris,Ed (1855) [C00]

NH Open, U1950 (2), 2016-07-23

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 dxe4 5.Ng5 Be7 6.Ngxe4 0-0 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Nb6 9.Be3 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Nd5 11.Bd2 b6 12.Bf3 Ba6 13.Re1 Rc8 14.b3 c5 15.c4 Nf6 16.Bc3 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Bf6 18.Qf3 (Better is 18.Qd3 g6 19.d5) 18...cxd4



(white to move)

19.Bxd4? (The coming pin doesn't work since White has no pawns nor minor pieces that can attack the d4 square. Having come this far, White can still bail out to an equal position with 19.Bb4 Be7 [19...Re8 20.Bc6] 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Qd3 h6 22.Qxd4) 19...Bxd4 20.Rad1 Qf6 21.Qg3 Rfd8 22.a4 Bc5 23.Rf1 Rd4 24.Rxd4 Qxd4 25.Bf3 Rd8 26.h4 Bd6 27.Qg5 f6 28.Qc1 Qf4 29.Qxf4 Bxf4 30.Re1 Kf7 31.g3 Bc7 32.Bh5+ g6 33.Bg4 e5 34.b4 f5 35.Bh3 e4 36.Bg2 Be5 37.Rc1 Rd2 38.b5 Bb7 39.c5 Bd4 40.c6 Bxf2+ 41.Kf1 Bc8 42.c7 e3 43.Bb7 Bxb7 44.c8Q Bxc8 45.Rxc8 Bxg3 46.Rc7+ Bxc7 0-1

Strachen,Eric (1313) - Lee,Dailing (1409) [D02]

NH Open, U1650 (2), 2016-07-23

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Nbd2 c5 6.c3 Be7 7.Qc2 0-0 8.h3 cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.Bd3 a5 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Rfe1 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Re8 14.Re3 Nf8 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Ndf3 Nh5 17.Bh2 Bg5 18.Nxg5 Qxg5 19.Nf3 Qe7 20.Rae1 Ng6 21.Qd1 b5 22.Ne5 Qg5 23.Nxg6 Qxg6 24.Re5 f5 25.Qe2 Rc4 26.Rxe6 Rxe6 27.Qxe6+ Qxe6 28.Rxe6 b4 29.Re3 a4 30.Kf1 Nf6 31.f3 g5 32.Be5 f4 33.Rd3 Nh5 34.Ke1 Ng3 35.Kd1 Nf5 36.Kd2 Ne3 37.b3 axb3 38.axb3 Nf1+ 39.Kc2 Ne3+ 40.Rxe3 fxe3 41.bxc4 bxc3 42.c5 Kf7 43.Kxc3 e2 44.Bg3 Ke7 45.Kd3 h5 46.Kxe2 Ke6 47.Ke3 Kd7 48.Be5 h4 49.f4 gxf4+ 50.Kxf4 1-0

Ranchanala,Meghana (1348) - Patil,Shravani (1004) [B12]

NH Open, U1350 (2), 2016-07-23

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 e6 5.Nf3 Ne7 6.Bg5 Qc7 7.Be3 Ng6 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.b3 b6 12.Re1 a5 13.a4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.h3 f6 17.Qd3 Raa8 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Rc1 Qd6 20.Nc3 Qe7 21.Re1 Qf7 22.Rad1 e5 23.dxe5 Ndxe5 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Qxd5 Rab8 26.Bf4 Qxd5 27.Rxd5 Nf3+ 28.gxf3 Bxc3 29.Bxb8 Bxe1 30.Kf1 Bxf2 31.Bd6 Rxf3 32.Kg2 Rf7 33.Ba3 h6 34.Rd8+ Kh7 35.Rd2 Bh4 36.b4 axb4 37.Bxb4 Rf4 38.Rb2 ½-½

Benoit,Brett (1034) - Patell,Aarish (1344) [D15]

NH Open, U1350 (2), 2016-07-23

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.Bxc4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.a3 Bd6 9.b4 Nb6 10.Be2 Nbd5 11.Bb2 0-0 12.b5 Nxc3 13.Bxc3 Rc8 14.Bb2 cxb5 15.Bxb5 Qb6 16.Qe2 Rc2 17.Qd1 Rxb2 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Rb3 20.Qc2 Rxa3 21.Rxa3 Bxa3 22.Rb1 Qc6 23.Qb3 Bd6 24.Qxb7 Qxb7 25.Rxb7 Rc8 26.g3 a5 27.Ra7 Bb4 28.Ne5 Rf8 29.Nc6 h6 30.Nxa5 Bxa5 31.Rxa5 Rb8 32.Kg2 Rb2 33.Kf3 g5 34.h3 Kg7 35.h4 g4+ 36.Kg2 Ne4 37.Re5 Nxf2 38.Kf1 Nd3 39.Ra5 Rf2+ 40.Kg1 Rf3 0-1

Tappen,Eugene (1237) - O'Young,Ashley (1028) [D02]

NH Open, U1350 (2), 2016-07-23

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.Nbd2 Bf5 5.c3 e6 6.h3 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.e3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxe5 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Ne4 13.f4 Qe6 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Bf3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Rad8 17.Qd4 b6 18.Rd1 c5 19.Qa4 a5 20.Qb5 Rfe8 21.b3 Rd6 22.Qf1 Qe4 23.Qf2 Red8 24.Rg3 d4 25.exd4 cxd4 26.cxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Rxd4 28.Re3 Rd1+ 29.Kh2 Qc6 30.Qe2 Rd8 31.Re4 f6 32.Qc4+ Qxc4 33.Rxc4 b5 34.Rc5 Rd2 35.Rxb5 Rxa2

36.b4 a4 37.Ra5 a3 38.b5 Rb2 39.Rxa3 Rxb5 40.h4 Rb4 41.Rf3 h6 42.h5 Rb5 43.g4 … and the game ended in a draw.

IM Vigorito,David (2441) - IM Fang,Joe (2354) [C88]

NH Open (3), 2016-07-24

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 Bd6 9.c3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Ng5 Rf8 12.Nf3 Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Nf3 ½-½

Belanoff,Ted (2214) - Wu,Brandon (2175) [B11]

NH Open (3), 2016-07-24

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Qf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Bc4 e6 6.Ne2 Nbd7 7.d4 Nxe4 8.Qxe4 Nf6 9.Qf3 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g4 b5 14.Bd3 Nd5 15.Rdg1 Kh8 16.g5 f5 17.g6 Rf6 18.Qh5 h6 19.Bxh6 Kg8 20.Bd2 Bb7 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Qxg7+ Kd8 24.Qh8+ Kd7 25.g7 Ne7 26.Bg5 Ng8 27.Bxf6 c5 28.Bxb5+ Bc6 29.Bxc6+ Qxc6 30.Be5 Bxe5 31.dxe5 Qe4 32.Rd1+ Kc7 33.Qh5 1-0

Gouveia,Russell (1933) - Kelly,Joseph (1947) [B24]

NH Open (3), 2016-07-24

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 d5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Be3 Qa5 11.f4 Nf5 12.Bf2 Re8 13.g4 Nd4 14.fxe5 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Nd7 16.d4 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Qb4 18.Qf2 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Rxe5 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Rae1 Bxg4 22.Rxe5 Bxe5 23.hxg4 Qxb2 24.Ne4 Bg7 25.Qe6 Qxc2 26.d6 1-0

French,Al (1927) - Elmore,John (2090) [D02]

NH Open (3), 2016-07-24

Annotated by John Elmore

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.c4 e6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.cxd5

The computer doesn't favor this move, and perhaps for good reason. For one, white gains nothing from releasing the tension here. White's light-squared bishop, at the cost of a tempo that could be spared, would only improve if black captured on c4. Accordingly, moves like a3 or even Be2 seem sensible here.

8...exd5

The computer favors knight centralization with Nxd5.

9.a3 Nbd7 10.Be2 Be7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Bg5 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 Nhf6 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Nf3 Rfe8 16.Nd2

White is determined to achieve an e4 break that simply cannot happen with four black pieces defending the square. The computer favors Nh4, pushing black's bishop to the less useful e6 square.

16...h6 17.h3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nb6 19.Nb3 Nfd7 20.g4 Bg6 21.h4 Nc4 22.Nd1

I expected Ra2, and the computer also gives the rook move a slight preference.

22...Re7 23.Bxc4

This is a meaningful concession. Confronted with a difficult knight on c4, white gives up his best defender of the light squares in a position when his pawn structure has six of his seven pawns on dark squares.

23...bxc4 24.Nd2 b5 25.f4

In the post mortem, we talked about "housekeeping" moves or moves designed to keep one's own forces in order. White, in an effort to be aggressive on the kingside, pushes his pawns such that they are difficult to defend. I suggested Kg2, and the computer agrees.

25...Nf6 26.g5 hxg5 27.hxg5 Ng4 28.Nf3

Seeing that Nf1 would eventually drop the pawn after Bd3 (note the light squares I noted after white's 23rd move), white simply hopes to gain a strong knight in exchange for the pawn he is losing.

28...Nxe3 29.Ne5 Nxd1?

29…Nf5, threatening Nxd4 is clearly better. The point is that black does not care if white captures on g6, for that merely gives black another weak pawn to chase down (f4).

30.Rxd1 Re6 31.Kf2 Bf5?!

The bishop needs to control h1, so Be4 was correct.

32.Rh1 Be4 33.Rh2 f6 34.gxf6 Rxf6 35.Ke3 b4 36.Rh4?

At best, this move seems pointless, but plainly white needed to keep the queenside closed for as long as possible. The computer suggests a4, and while I should like to think black will win the ending regardless, the work necessary to achieve the win would have been far more considerable than was required after the text. [Fritz 6: 36.a4 c3 37.bxc3 bxc3 38.Nd7 Rf7 39.Nc5 Re8 40.Nd3 Ra7 -0.66/13]

36...c3 37.bxc3 Rxa3 38.Rxa3 bxa3 39.Nd3 a2 0-1

Commisso,Michael (1652) - Eldridge,Larry (1726) [C56]

NH Open, U1950 (3), 2016-07-24

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.Bg5 d6 7.Re1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Ne5 10.Qb3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nxc4 13.Qxc4 Nh5 14.Nd2 Nxg3 15.fxg3 Qe7 16.b4 Bb6 17.Kh1 0-0-0 18.a4 a5 19.b5 Qe6 20.Qd3 Bc5 21.Nb3 Rde8 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Kb8 24.Ra3 Qe5 25.Qc4 d5 26.Qe2 Qb2 27.Rd3 Rxe4 28.Re3 Rxe3 29.Qxe3 Qxc2 30.b6 Qc6 31.bxc7+ Qxc7 32.Rc1 Qd6 33.Qd4 Rc8 34.Rxc8+ Kxc8 35.Qc3+ Qc7 36.Qh8+ Qd8 37.Qc3+ Kb8 38.Qe5+ Ka8 39.Qd4 f6 40.h4 Qd6 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.Kg1 Qe5 43.Qg4 d4 44.Qc8+ Ka7 45.Qd8 d3 46.Qxd3 Qa1+ 47.Kf2 Qxa4 48.Qc3 Qb5 49.Kf3 Qc6+ 0-1

O'Young,Coby (1939) - Harris,Ed (1855) [D06]

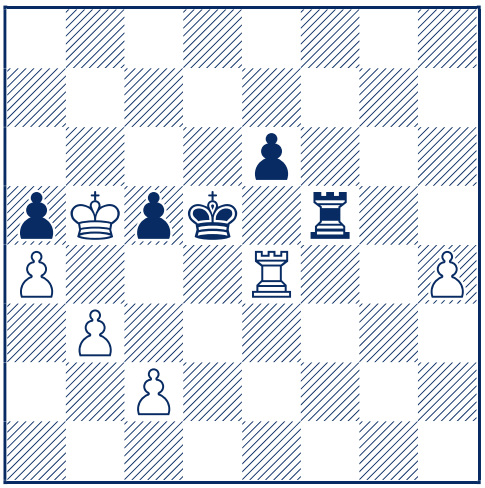
NH Open, U1950 (3), 2016-07-24

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.a3 a6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Rd1 c6 12.Be2 Qc7 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Rfd1 0-0 16.Bc4 Qf4 17.h3 Rfd8 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne2 Qxc1 20.Rxc1 c5 21.Qd1 Nb6 22.Qb3 Nxc4 23.Qxc4 Bb5 24.Qc2 cxd4 25.Qxc8 Bxe2 26.Qxd8+ Bxd8 27.Rc8 1-0

Baliga,Zubin Mohandas (1502) - Strachan,Eric (1313) [B76]

NH Open, U1650 (3), 2016-07-24

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bh6 Qb6 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.b3 Rd8 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.h4 h5 15.Be2 Qc5 16.Kb2 a5 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Rxd4 c5 19.Rd2 Rdb8 20.Kc1 Rc8 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Bd7 23.a4 f5 24.Rg1 Kf6 25.g4 hxg4 26.fxg4 fxg4 27.Bxg4 Bxg4 28.Rxg4 Rh8 29.Re2 Rh5 30.Re6+ Kf7 31.Rexg6 Rxd5 32.Rg7+ Ke6 33.Re4+ Re5 34.Rxe5+ dxe5 35.Rg3 Rh8 36.Rh3 Rh5 37.Kd2 e4 38.Ke2 Kd5 39.Ke3 Ke5 40.Rh2 e6 41.Rh1 Kf5 42.Rf1+ Ke5 43.Rf4 Rh6 44.Rxe4+ Kd6 45.Kd3 Rh5 46.Kc4 Rf5 47.Kb5 Kd5



(white to move)

48.Rg4 (White still has a winning position, but 48.Re1 is better, the idea being Rd1+ cutting the enemy king off from the queenside pawns.) 49…Rf8 (Black sets a cunning trap.) 49.Kxa5?? (White falls into it. 49.Rg5+ was essential, tempting the e-pawn forward, as after 49…e5 50.Kxa5 Kc6, White has a saving check with 51.Rg6+. If Black keeps the trap alive with 49…Kd6, White must avoid falling into a new one 50.Rxc5?? Rb8+ 51.Kc4 Rb4+ and instead play 50.c3 Rh8 51.Rxc5 Rxh4 [Now the b4 square is covered after 51…Rb8+ 52.Kc4] 52.b4 etc.) 50.Kc6 0-1 (Mate cannot be avoided.)

Benoit,Brett (1034) - Lei,Amy (918) [D13]

NH Open, U1350 (3), 2016-07-24

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nc6 9.a3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.b4 a6 12.Bb2 Re8 13.Rac1 h6 14.Rfd1 a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.Ra1 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qd7 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rdc1 Rb8 20.Qd2 Ra4 21.h3 b5 22.Qd3 b4 23.Qc2 Ra6 24.axb4 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Nxb4 26.Ba3 Nxc2 27.Bxd6 Rb6 28.Bc5 Rb2 29.Ra8+ Kh7 30.Ra7 Kg8 31.Ne5 Rb1+ 32.Kh2 Rf1 33.Ra8+ Kh7 34.Nxf7 Rxf2 35.Ra2 Ne4 36.Nd8 Nxe3 37.Rxf2 Nxf2 38.Nxe6 Ne4 39.Nf4 g5 40.Ne2 Nf5 41.g4 Ne3 42.Ng3 Nc3 43.Nf5 Nxf5 44.gxf5 Ne4 45.Kg2 Kg7 46.Kf3 h5 47.Ke3 Kf6 48.Kf3 Kxf5 49.Kg2 g4 50.hxg4+ hxg4 51.Bb4 g3 52.Be1 Kf4 53.Bb4 Ke3 54.Bc5 Kd3 55.Bb6 Kc4 56.Ba7 Nd2 57.Kxg3 Nb3 58.Kf3 Nxd4+ 59.Bxd4 Kxd4 60.Ke2 Ke4 61.Kd2 d4 62.Ke2 d3+ 63.Kd1 Ke3 64.Ke1 d2+ 65.Kd1 Kd3 ½-½

Patil,Shravani (1066) - Duncan,Walter (746) [D30]

NH Open, U1350 (3), 2016-07-24

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.e3 c6 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Be2 Qb6 7.Qb3 Qc7 8.Nc3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nf6 10.0-0 b5 11.Bd3 b4 12.Ne2 a5 13.Qd1 0-0 14.Ng3 h5 15.Re1 g6 16.Nf1 Bd6 17.e4 Be7 18.e5 Ng4 19.h3 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 f6 21.Kg1 fxe5 22.Bg5 Bd6 23.Nxe5 Be7 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.Nxg6 Qd6 26.Nxf8 Kxf8 27.Qf3+ Ke7 28.Bg6 Qxd4+ 29.Qf2 Qd5 30.Qf7+ Kd6 31.Rad1 Qxd1 32.Rxd1+ Kc5 33.Qf2+ Kb5 34.Bd3+ Ka4 35.Qc2+ b3 36.Qxb3# 1-0

IM Fang,Joe (2354) - Kavi,Nithin (2146) [E92]

NH Open (4), 2016-07-24

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Na6 10.Nd2 Nc5 11.0-0 Bd7 12.b3 Qe8 13.a3 Nh7 14.b4 Na4 15.Qc2 f5 16.f3 Nxc3 17.Qxc3 g5 18.Bf2 f4 19.c5 Qe7 20.bxa5 h5 21.Rab1 Bc8 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Nc4 g4 24.Nb6 Rb8 25.Rfc1 Qg5 26.Nxc8 Rbxc8 27.Qxc8 Rxc8 28.Rxc8+ Bf8 29.Rxb7 g3 30.Be1 Qh4 31.h3 Ng5 32.Bf1 Nxe4 33.a6 Nf2 34.a7 1-0

Kelly,Joe (1947) - French,Al (1927) [A91]

NH Open (4), 2016-07-24

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nh3 0-0 6.0-0 Qe8 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Qb3 Bxc3 9.Bxb7 Bxb2 10.Bxa8 Bxa1 11.Ba3 d6 12.Rxa1 Nbd7 13.Bg2 Kh8 14.Qa4 a6 15.Qc6 Qd8 16.Ng5 Nb8 17.Qa8 h6 18.Nh3 Bd7 19.Rb1 g5 20.Rb7 Ne4 21.f3 Nc3 22.Bb2 Na4 23.Ba1 Nb6 24.Qa7 Nc6 25.d5+ Ne5 26.Rxc7 Qb8 27.Qxb8 Rxb8 28.f4 g4 29.Nf2 Nxd5 30.Bxe5+ dxe5 31.cxd5 Rb1+ 32.Bf1 Bb5 33.Kg2 exf4 34.dxe6 f3+ 35.exf3 Bxf1+ 0-1

Elmore,John (2090) - Wang,Felix (2107) [B91]

NH Open (4), 2016-07-24

Annotated by John Elmore

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.Nde2 Be6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.h3 b5 11.Be3 Nb6 12.b3 Rc8 13.Rc1?!

13.Qd3, the computer's choice, indeed seems more logical, particularly given what follows in the game.

13...0-0 14.Qd2 Qc7 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.g4 d5 17.Bxb6 Qxb6 18.exd5 Ba3 19.Rb1 Bb4 20.Qd3 e4?!

[Fritz 6: 20...Bxc3 21.Nxc3 b4 22.Na4 Qa5 23.Qg3 Nxd5 24.Qxe5 Rxc2 25.Rxd5 -0.75/12]

21.Nxe4 Nxd5 22.Qd4

It takes the computer a while to prefer the text to Ng5, but white would not have gotten anywhere with the threat to h7.

22...Qc7 23.Ng5?

In a difficult position, white falters. White had to accept the defense of a worse position with Qb2, which at least has the virtue of removing discovery threats involving the d5 knight.

[Fritz 6: 23.Qb2 Qxc2 24.Qxc2 Rxc2 25.Nf4 Be7 26.Nxe6 fxe6 27.a4 Kf7 -0.25/13]

23...Nc3 24.Qxb4 Nxd1 25.Nxe6?!

25.Be4, while inadequate, seems stronger than the text.

25...fxe6 26.Nd4?

I missed the strength of black's reply here. [Fritz 6: 26.Qe1 Qxc2 27.Rc1 Qd3 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Nf4 Qd6 30.Qxe6+ Qxe6 -1.37/12]

26...Nxf2

26…Qc3 is also sufficient.

27.Nxe6 Nxh3+ 28.Kh1 Nf2+ 29.Kg1 Qb6 30.Qe7 Nxg4+ 31.Kh1 Nf2+ 32.Kg1 Ne4+ 33.Kh1

Not best, but the text has the virtue of ending white's pain earlier. [Fritz 6: 33.Kh2 Qb8+ 34.Kg1 Qe5 35.Bxe4 Qg3+ 36.Kh1 Qh3+ 37.Kg1 Qe3+ -2.16/12]

33...Ng3+ 34.Kh2 Nf5 0-1

Bradley,Vince (1770) - Commisso,Michael (1652) [A25]

NH Open, U1950 (4), 2016-07-24

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 f5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nc3 d5 6.cxd5 Nb4 7.d4 e4 8.Bf1 Nbxd5 9.Nge2 c6 10.a3 Be6 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Nc3 Nb6 13.b3 a5 14.Ne2 a4 15.b4 Bb3 16.Qd2 Be7 17.Nf4 g5 18.Nh5 0-0 19.Be2 Qe8 20.d5 Nxd5 21.Bb2 Rd8 22.Qc1 Nf6 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Bc4+ Bxc4 25.Qxc4+ Qf7 26.Qxf7+ Rxf7 27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.Ke2 Kf7 29.h4 g4 30.Rhc1 Rd5 31.Rc5 Rfd6 32.Ra2 Ke7 33.Rac2 Rxc5 34.Rxc5 Rd5 35.Rc3 Kd7 36.Ke1 Kd6 37.Ke2 Kd7 38.Rc2 Kd6 39.Rc3 Kd7 40.Rc2 Kd6 ½-½

Stratchan,Eric (1313) - Ranganath,Vittal (1217) [D02]

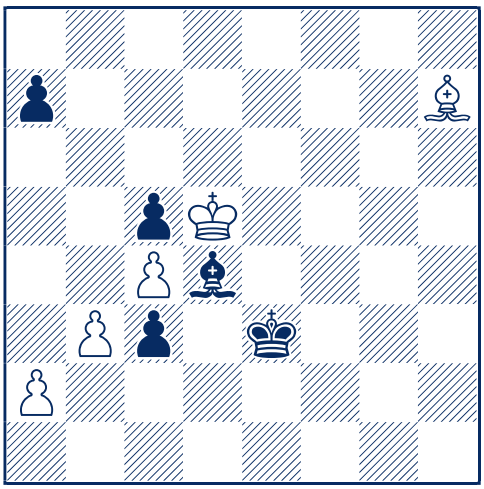
NH Open, U1650 (4), 2016-07-24

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c6 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.c3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.h3 Nh5 8.Bh2 Nhf6 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 c4 12.Be2 b5 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Bb7 15.Ned2 Nb6 16.Rfd1 Nbd5 17.a4 a6 18.Ne5 Nd7 19.Ndf3 f6 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Re1 Rfe8 22.b3 cxb3 23.Qxb3 bxa4 24.Rxa4 Nxc3 25.Raa1 Nxe2+ 26.Rxe2 Bxf3 27.Qxf3 Qxd4 28.Rae1 e5 29.g4 Bb4 30.Qb3+ Kh8 31.Re4 Bxe1 32.Rxd4 exd4 33.Qd3 Bc3 34.Bf4 a5 35.Kg2 a4 36.Qc2 a3 37.Qa2 d3 38.Kf3 h6 39.h4 Re2 40.Qd5 Rae8 41.Qxd3 Bb4 42.Qg6 R8e6 43.Qf7 a2 44.Be3 a1Q 45.Qxe6 Rxe3+ 46.fxe3 Qh1+ 47.Kf4 Bd6+ 48.Kf5 Qb1+ 49.e4 Qb5+ 50.Kg6 Qb8 51.Qd7 Qf8 52.Qe6 Bg3 53.h5 Qg8 54.Qe7 Qh7+ 55.Kf7 g6+ 56.Kxf6 Bh4+ 0-1

Anish,Kamila (1129) - Shravani,Patil (1004) [A34]

NH Open, U1350 (4), 2016-07-24

1.d4 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.Qa4 d6 7.dxc5 Bd7 8.Qa3 dxc5 9.0-0-0 Qb6 10.Bxb8 Rfxb8 11.Ne5 Bc6 12.e3 Qb4 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qxb4 cxb4 15.Na4 c5 16.b3 Rd8 17.Bd3 h6 18.h3 Rd7 19.Rd2 Rad8 20.Rhd1 Kh8 21.Be2 Rxd2 22.Rxd2 Rxd2 23.Kxd2 Ne4+ 24.Ke1 g6 25.Bf3 Nc3 26.Nxc3 bxc3 27.Be4 Bf6 28.Ke2 Kg8 29.Bc2 Bg7 30.Kd3 f5 31.e4 Kf7 32.exf5 gxf5 33.g4 fxg4 34.hxg4 Kg6 35.Ke4 Kg5 36.f3 h5 37.gxh5 Kxh5 38.f4 Kg6 39.f5+ exf5+ 40.Kf4 Bh6+ 41.Ke5 Bg7+ 42.Ke6 Kg5 43.Bxf5 Kf4 44.Bh7 Ke3 45.Kd5 Bd4



(white to move)

46.Kc6 (A step in the wrong direction. The position is a draw, but White must tread carefully due to Black's passed c-pawn. The king is great where it is attacking both the bishop and its pawn support, so waiting moves with the bishop along the b1-h7 diagonal are best. For example, 46.Bb1 Kd2 47.b4 [now that the king no longer defends the bishop] 47…c2 48.Bxc2 Kxc2 49.bxc5) 46…Kd2 47.Kb5 c2 48.Bxc2 Kxc2 49.Ka6 (This was White's last chance for the b4 idea. 49.b4 cxb4 50.Kxb4 Kd3 51.c5 Ke4 52.c6 Bb6 53.Kb5 Kd5 54.a4 Kd6

55.a5 Bg1 56.Ka6 and since 56…Kxc6 is stalemate, it's a fortress.) 49…Kb2 50.Kb5 Kxa2 51.b4 ½-½ (The players agreed to a draw, but Black wins with 51…cxb4 52.Kxb4 Bb6 53.c5 a5+ 54.Kb5 Bd8 55.Ka4 Kb2 56.c6 Ka2 57.Kb5 Kb3 and the a-pawn queens.)

Yerra,Sai (1013) - Benoit,Brett (1034) [A46]

NH Open, U1350 (4), 2016-07-24

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 cxd4 4.exd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nbd2 d5 8.b3 Nc6 9.Bb2 a6 10.c4 b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.h3 Nb4 13.Bb1 Rc8 14.a3 Nc6 15.Qc2 dxc4 16.Nxc4 b5 17.Ncd2 Nxd4 18.Qd1 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 Qxd1 20.Rcxd1 Rfd8 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Rc1 Nd5 23.Be4 f5 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.b4 Bf6 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Rd1 Rc8 28.Nd4 Rc3 29.Ra1 Kf7 30.a4 Rc4 31.Nf3 Bxf3 32.gxf3 Rxb4 33.axb5 axb5 34.Ra7+ Kg6 35.Kg2 Rb1 36.Kg3 b4 37.Kf4 b3 38.Ke3 b2 39.Kd2 Rc1 40.Rb7 b1Q 41.Rxb1 Rxb1 42.Ke3 Kg5 43.f4+ Kh4 44.Kd4 Re1 45.Kd3 Kxh3 46.Kd2 Re4 47.f3 Rxf4 48.Ke3 Kg3 49.Ke2 Rxf3 50.Kd2 h5 0-1

Your Turn

The following swashbuckling game, submitted by TD Alex Relyea, comes from a qualifying round of an ICCF (International Correspondence Chess Federation) thematic event in which he went 8.5/10, clinching first place and a spot in the finals.

Relyea,Alex (2108) - Ahonen,Markku [C01]

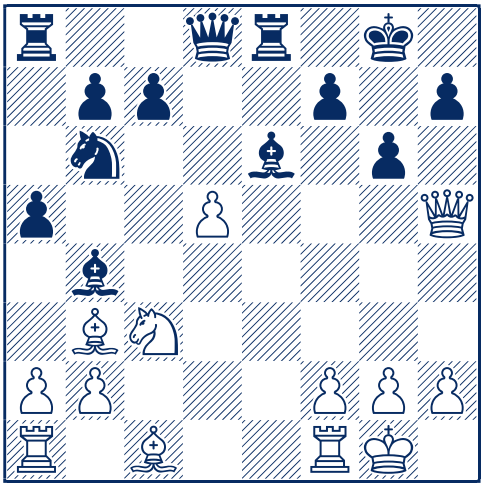
French Defense Exchange Variation Thematic (1), 01.03.2015

Annotated by Alex Relyea

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5

Thematic moves.

4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd3 0-0 7.Nge2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7 9.Bb3 Nb6 10.0-0 Re8 11.Nf4 a5 12.Nh5 Nxh5 13.Qxh5 Be6 14.d5 g6



(white to move)

15.dxe6!?

Anyway!

15...gxh5 16.exf7+ Kg7 17.fxe8Q Qxe8 18.Bf4

White has full compensation for the Queen, but is there any more?

18...Bd6 19.Rae1 Qd7 20.Be5+ Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Re8 22.Rxa5 h4 23.h3 Qd2 24.Rf5 Kg6 25.g4 Re7 26.Kg2 Qxb2 27.Rf3 h5

And now the Queen is awkward.

28.Rb1 Qd2 29.Rd1 Qb2 30.Rd8 hxg4 31.hxg4 Kh7 32.Rh3 Qc1

The Queen returns to play, but now White has a strong attack.

33.Rxh4+ Kg6 34.Rh3 c6 35.Rf3 Nd5 36.Nxd5 cxd5 37.Bxd5 Kh7 38.Bg8+ Kg6 39.Bb3 Qc7 40.Rg8+ Rg7 41.Bf7+

Winning the Queen back with interest.

41...Qxf7

41...Kh7?? 42.Rh3#

42.Rxf7 Rxg8

42...Kxf7 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 is also a trivial win

43.Rxb7 1-0

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Upcoming Events

41ST NEW HAMPSHIRE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

November 5, 2016

Holiday Inn, 9 Northeastern Blvd. (exit 4 off Everett Tnpk/Rte. 3), Nashua, NH.

4SS, G/60 d5. 3 Sections: Championship, open to U2100 or Unr. EF: $36 if rec'd by 11/3, $41 at site.$$G: $150-100-50; trophies to top 3, top 3 U1850. Intermediate, open to U1750 or Unr. EF: $36 if rec'd by 11/3, $41 at site. $$G: $120-60-40; trophies to top 3, top 3 U1500. Novice, open to U1300 or Unr. EF: $30 ($25 to jrs. U21) if rec'd by 11/3, $35 at site ($30 jrs. U21). Trophies to top 3, top 3 U1100. All, NHCA membership req'd of rated NH residents; dues $8 adult, $6 under 19. Reg: 8:30-9:35am Sat. 11/5, Rds: 10-1:00-3:30-6:00. Bye: All Rds. (except Rd. 4 in Championship section), limit 1, must commit before Rd. 2. No half-point byes for players receiving full-point byes. Online advance entry available at www.nhchess.org until 11/4 6 PM. Ent: NHCA, c/o Hal Terrie, 377 Huse Rd. #23, Manchester, NH 03103. Info: halterrie@comcast.net or (603) 668-8368.

WN 2016 G/30 HEXES

November 12, 2016

Town Hall Annex, West Newbury, MA

Each six people will be divided into a hex. Play five people close to you in rating! 5 Rd. RR, G/30 d5. Town Hall Annex, 381 Main St., West Newbury, MA 01985. EF: $20 by 5 November, $25 at site. $$GTD: $70-30. Reg.: 9-9:45. Rds.: 10-11:15-1:15-2:30-3:45. No byes or withdraws available. All players agree to play all rounds. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. No refreshments available onsite. Maps for dining provided. W.

IM DANNY KOPEC UMAINE MEMORIAL

November 19, 2016

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6, Bangor Room, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. In 3 Sections, Open: 4SS, G/65 d5, $$GTD: $200-100. U2000: 4SS, G/65 d5, Open to 1999 & under. $$GTD: $200 100. U1550: 4SS, G/65 d5, Open to 1549 & under. $$GTD: $200 100. U1100 $100. ALL: EF: $25 by 12 Nov. $30 at site. Reg.: 9-9:45 AM. Advance entries must be postmarked by 12 Nov. Rds.: 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM. One 1/2 point bye in rounds 1-3. ENT: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, c/o Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. All proceeds benefit Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Please make checks payable to it. NS.

WN U2400 CLASS CLASH

December 10, 2016

Open to U2400. Town Hall Annex, 381 Main St., West Newbury, MA 01985. In 2 Sections, U2400: 4SS, G/65 d5, Open to 2399 & under. $$GTD: $250-125. U2100 $60. U1900: 4SS, G/65 d5, Open to 1899 & under. $$GTD: $120-90-75-60. U1600 $60. ALL: EF: $35 by 3 Dec. $39 at site. No refreshments available onsite Bring your own snacks/drinks Maps for dining provided. Reg.: 9:00-9:45. Advance entries must be postmarked by 12/3/2016. Rds.: 10-1:00-3:30-6:00. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com

2ND WINTER'S EDGE OPEN

Monday nights, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

Life Journey Church, 570 Park Avenue, Keene, NH 03431

4 rounds, Game/90, Delay/5. 1 Byes may be requested in rounds 1-4. No 5th round byes will be allowed. Entry Fee: $5 (non KCC members), $4 (voluntary members). Registration ends at 7:10pm. Rounds begin at: 7:15pm. Prizes: A chess book will be awarded to 1st place.

BACK BAY OPEN

December 17-18, 2016

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced), Hilton Boston Back Bay, 40 Dalton St., Boston, MA 02115. Garage parking $43 per day with in & out privileges. One block from Prudential T stop. In 4 Sections, Championship: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30;+30, Open to players rated 1800/above. FIDE rated. $$GTD: $600-300-250. U2400 $250 U2200 $250. U2000: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30;+30, Open to 1999 & under. FIDE rated. $$GTD: $400-200-150. U1800: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30; +30, Open to 1799 & under. $$GTD: $400-200-150. U1600: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30;+30, Open to 1599 & under. Adult unrated not allowed in section. $$GTD: $300-150-100. U1400 $150 U1200 $150. ALL: EF: $70 postmarked 10 December, $80 at site. $30 discount to players in U1600 sect. rated U1000 or unrated. Reg.: 8:30-9:30 on Saturday. Rds.: 10-4, 10-4. 1 ½ point byes rounds 1-3. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. HR $109 by 16 November. 617-236-1100 mention Back Bay Open.

BACK BAY BLITZ

December 17, 2016

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6, 4 Rd. DBLSS, G/5;+2. Hilton Boston Back Bay, 40 Dalton St., Boston, MA 02115. Hotel parking $43 with in & out privileges. One block from Prudential Tstation. EF: $20 to players in any Back Bay Open section, $25 otherwise. $$GTD: $200-100. U2000 $100, U1600 $100. Reg.: 8:00-8:45 PM. Rds.: Round 1 at 9 PM, rest ASAP. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com

PORTSMOUTH OPEN

January 14-15, 2017

Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth NH 03801

Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced), Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth NH 03801. In 2 Sections Open: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 Sec. Increment. Analog clocks not allowed in this section. FIDE rated. $$GTD: $550-300. U2250 $125, U2000 $125. U1750: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 Sec. Increment, Analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Open to 1749 & under. $$GTD: $500-250. U1500 $100, U1250 $100. ALL: EF: $60 in advance, $65 at site. Reg: Registration 9:00-9:45. Advance entries must be postmarked by 1/7/2017. Rds: 10-4, 10-4. Accelerated pairings may be used. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. HR: $89 until 15 December, (603) 431-8000, mention Relyea Chess. JGP. NS W.

Spot The Tactic Solutions

#1 (Nguyen - Yu, US Girls Blitz Tiebreak):

20.Nxd5! Nc4 (20…exd5? 21.Rxc8+; 20…Rxc1 21.Rxc1 exd5 22.Bc7 Qa4 23.Qxd5 Nc4 24.Qe6+ winning, e.g., 24…Be7 25.d5 Qb4 26.d6 Nxd6 27.Bxd6 Qxd6 28.Rc8+) 21.Bc7 Rxc7 22.Nxc7+ Qxc7 23.Qxb4 Qe7 24.Qxe7+ Kxe7 25.b3 etc.

#2 (Bykovtsev - Dong, US Girls Blitz Tiebreak):

29...Rxe4! 30.Nxe4 Rxe4 31.Rxe4 Bxe4 wins the queen due to the fork after 32.Qxe4 Ng3+

#3 (Liu - Dong, US Girls Blitz Tiebreak):

48.Rxf5! Kg6 (48…exf5 is stalemate) 49.Rxh5 Rb1 50.Re5 Kf6 51.Kg4 and it's a draw.

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